

Town Of Southington
Public Works Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015

Present: Chairman Paul Champagne, Garry Brumback, Jim Coleman, Chief Jack Daly, Tom Lombardi, Christopher Palmieri, Ex-Officio member Keith Hayden, Annette Turnquist

Absent: Sandra Feld, Ex-Officio members Fred Rodgers,

Call to order: Chairman Champagne called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the former Town Hall Council Chamber, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

Quorum Established

Minutes: Minutes from August 2015 meeting approved

Communications:

1) Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

- a) **Police Department:** – No problems to report, demolition of Ideal Forging continuing with no noticeable traffic problems. All other Police operations are running well. (CJD))
- b) **Hi-Way Department:**
 - i) **Roads** – Road prep work on Mt. Vernon Rd, Frost St, South End Rd, Spring St. to start mid Sept. with paving to follow. (AT)
- c) **Parks Department:**
 - i) Working on bids for Memorial Park, 3 bids being reviewed. (AT)
 - ii) Prepping Soccer and Football fields. (AT)
- d) **Bulky Waste:** New Stickers are required after April 1st. They are available at Town Clerks office or can be done online (go to Southington.org for online procedure). (PC)
 - i) Bulky Waste is currently operating on every week schedule, see Town web site for schedule (AT)
 - ii) Operations running smoothly (AT)
 - iii) Pamphlet for Bulky Waste being worked on to make user friendly (AT)
 - iv) Transfer station is now registered mattress recycler. (AT)
 - v) Mattress volume 25-37 per week
 - vi) Approximately 500 vehicles per week
 - vii) Leaf bids sent out. (AT)
- e) **Engineering:**
 - i) No change since last meeting, contractor working on schools during summer vacation. Contractor will continue with LED replacement. To date 2824 (76%) of the 3,711 lights the Town is responsible for have been changed out to LED's. This not only reduces the Towns usage and gives us a "greener" solution. Anticipated saving is 188k (this includes maintenance savings) (KH)

- ii) Old Mountain road Bridge replacement – In process water main work scheduled and drainage work in progress. (KH)
- iii) West Queen St. Bridge – Approval from Federal authorities, meeting scheduled with DOT and Contractor (AT)
- iv) West Center St. Bridge – Trying to get DOT to fast track. (CP) Reviewing work with contractor. (KH)
 - 1. Work will span over 18 months, traffic pattern will be 1 way alternating vs complete closure of road. (KH)
 - (ii) Pavement Preservation Options – Top coat completed (KH)
 - (iii) School Street work finishing up (KH)
- v) Safe Routes to School (Woodruff to Crest) – Waiting for Construction schedule from contractor(KH)
- vi) FCHT Trail Ext. – Phase 4 extending trail to West Queen St. - Recommendation, BL Co for design work \$285k, 80% funded by Federal and 20% by State. Sent to Council for approval (passed) (KH)
- vii) Trench Restoration 2015 – Contract signed, waiting for schedule (KH)
 - 1. Town Hall Roof – PO cut waiting for schedule from contractor. (KH)
 - (ii) County Road – Done. (KH)

b) Water Department

- i) Approximately 3000 feet being done on Mulberry Street. (KH)
- ii) Due to longer than expected construction time table, repaving off road will happen next year. (KH)
- iii) Mulberry Street – Meeting scheduled between Town and water department to try to get road in best shape possible for winter season. (KH)

Other: Work is progressing on School access walkways, Town manager will be coming to Town Council for permission (one time) to turn back to home owners when work is completed on each street. This will so the Town won't have to be asked each time a Street is completed and meets code. (GB)
Passed at August 31st meeting. (PC)

Member Communication: Report from Town Manager on "Sinkhole" in Plantsville, Town Hi-way dept. responded and made numerous repairs to correct problem. Per Town Manager they did and outstanding job. (GB)

Public Communications:

Old Business: None

New Business: Police Department asked to look into on road parking at Route 10 intersection in Plantsville center. (PC)

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul W. Champagne
Chairman**