

**Town Of Southington**  
**Public Works Committee**

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

**Present:** Chairman Paul Champagne, Garry Brumback, Jim Coleman, Christopher Palmieri, Ex-Officio member Keith Hayden, Annette Turnquist

**Absent:** Chief Jack Daly, Sandra Feld, Tom Lombardi, Ex-Officio members Fred Rodgers,

**Call to order:** Chairman Champagne called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. in the former Town Hall Council Chamber, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

**Quorum** Established

**Minutes:** Minutes from September 2015 meeting approved

**Communications:**

1) Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

a) **Police Department:** – No Report (PWC)

b) **Hi-Way Department:**

i) **Roads** – Road prep work on Mt. Vernon Rd, Frost St, South End Rd, Spring St. complete paving to start week starting Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. (AT)

ii) Leaf bids- Discussed and voted to move to Town Council for approval (AT)

iii) Snow Bids – To be due Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be sent to Town Public Work Comm. members for review, if no concerns bids will be sent to Town Council for approval. (AT)

c) **Parks Department:**

i) Working with low bidder (Millenium) to value engineer to reduce price, this will be sent to Town Council for approval. Total price is below referendum threshold. (AT)

ii) Getting ready for fall season maintenance. (AT)

d) **Bulky Waste:** New Stickers are required after April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 volume has tapered off slightly. (AT)

iii) Pamphlet for Bulky Waste being worked on to make user friendly (AT)

i) Mattress volume still up. (AT)

b) **Engineering**

i) LED Lights - Contractor back on job and is continuing LED replacement. To date 2824 (77%) 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, Bridge has been removed, working on culvert. (KH)
- iii) West Queen St. Bridge – Detour in place, work has begun. (AT)
- iv) West Center St. Bridge – Design completed, reviewing work with contractor. (KH)
  - 1. Still trying to get DOT to fast track. (KH)
  - 2. Work will span over 18 months, traffic pattern will be 1 way alternating vs complete closure of road. (KH)
- (ii) School Street work done, some minor cleanup being performed. (KH)
- v) Safe Routes to School (Woodruff to Crest) – Clearing work has started (KH)
- vi) FCHT Trail Ext. – Phase 4 extending trail to Plainville Town. - Recommendation, BL Co for design work \$285k, 80% funded by Federal and 20% by State. Sent to Council for approval (passed Sept. 2015) (KH)
- vii) Trench Restoration 2015 – Done (KH)
  - (i) Town Hall Roof – Work to start week of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> (KH)

**c) 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:**

**Member Communication:** Leaf pickup schedule being finalized and will be posted on Town website and local newspapers. Leaf Zone map to also be placed on town website (AT)

**Public Communications:**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Town engineering looking into redesigning intersection on Curtis St. where the Rails to Trails currently ends for safety reasons. (KH)

**Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paul W. Champagne  
Chairman**