

Town Of Southington
Public Works Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Champagne, Garry Brumback, Jim Coleman, Tom Lombardi, Ed Pocock Jr., Christopher Palmieri, Ex-Officio Keith Hayden

Absent: Chief Jack Daly, Annette Turnquist, Fred Rogers

Call to order: Chairman Champagne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the former Town Hall Council Chamber, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT.

Quorum Established

Minutes: Minutes from February 2016 meeting approved

Communications:

Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

a) **Police Department:** No Report

b) **Hi-Way Department:**

- Snow Operation – This year’s storms produced less snow than prior years, but due to duration of storms significant road product has been used. Also equipment was also prone to breakdowns. **See note below for snow treatment types used in town.** (KH)
- Renovation Project – Additional money has been approved by Finance department. Time table for work completion due next week. (KH)
- Road Management Program – Priority list is being set, this will be depend on Town Council’s vote to use alternate methods such as Cape Seal and Chip Seal. (KH)

c) **Parks Department:**

- Memorial park Project – Construction underway, building work schedule is on time. (KH)
- Panthorn Park – Waiting for proposal from Security firm. (KH)
- Recreation Park Pool replastering – Bids due back 3/8. Note: Chris Palmieri cautioned that with both pools being worked on at the same time, town needs to keep a close watch on both projects and timelines. (KH)

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)

- Bulky Waste is currently operating on every other week schedule. This week change on the first week in April and will be open every week except holidays. Please see Town web site for schedule. (KH)
- February storm - Bulky waste did open on off week because of storm for brush. (KH)
- Still working on new pamphlet for Bulky Waste. (AT)

e) Engineering

- LED Lights – Down to 14-19 lights. Working to prioritize. (AT)
- Old Mountain rd. Bridge replacement – Road had to be closed due to pavement issues, Work resumed 2/29, drainage, grading and back filling being worked on. (KH)
- West Queen St. Bridge – Done- finish paving to be done spring 2016 (KH)
- West Center St. Bridge – Public meeting held 2/17, 14 people attended. After a long discussion work will begin in April 2017, this is due to lead times for steel and traffic pattern concerns. The DOT has stated that there is not a safety issue at this time. (KH)
- Safe Routes to School (Woodruff to Crest) –Completed, some loam and seeding need to be done. (KH)
- Spring Street Bridge – Survey comp., preliminary design being worked on, waiting on budget for funding. (KH)
- Town Hall Elevator modernization – Parts have been ordered, Town has to do some pre-electric work on site before contractor can start. (KH)

b) Water Department

- No Report

Other:

Member Communication: From February meeting, Ed Pocock stated that the Police department is doing a good job in showing their present both in patrol and ongoing radar unit deployment. This ultimately makes a safer town environment. *He also said the Fire Department has done a great job in dealing with the winter weather issues when responding to calls.* This last statement was missed being reported on the February minutes. (PC)

Public Communications: Art Cyr wanted to make sure that the Parks are in good shape going into the Spring/Summer season,

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul W. Champagne
Chairman**

Note: We use untreated and treated rock salt. We refer to the untreated salt as white salt. It is similar to what you can buy at the hardware store. It works very well down to about 20 degrees. Below 20 degrees you have to use several times the amount to achieve the same degree of melting action and is therefore not economical to use below 20 degrees.

The treated salt looks either brown or green. The brown salt is treated with a combination of molasses and magnesium chloride. The green salt is treated with a higher level of magnesium chloride. The purpose of the treatment is to lower the effective melting range of the salt. The treated salt is effective down to about 5 degrees or below depending on the amount of additive. The treated salt also sticks better to the road and we lose less to bounce and scatter.