

Town Of Southington
Public Works Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

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

Absent: 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 March 2016 meeting approved

Communications:

Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices

a) **Police Department:** No Report – Department running Smoothly

b) **Hi-Way Department:**

- Snow Operation – Monday’s snow storm was long in duration and a lot of road product was put down. Curb repairs will start next week, weather permitting (TM)
- Renovation Project – Plan rev. being done. Should go out to bid 5/23. (TM)
- Road Management Program – Catch basin inspections have been done. Crack sealing to start week of 4/23 (contractor has held last year’s pricing). Priority list is set, Town Council voted to use 20% chip seal process. Note: Milling being done with States low bid, Chip Seal being done by Allstate (KH/TM)

c) **Parks Department:**

- Memorial park Project – Construction underway, Drainage and sanitary sewer to be complete in 2 weeks. Schedule is on time. (TM)
- Panthorn Park – New light being installed. (TM)
- Recreation Park Pool replastering – Bids came in higher than planned low bidding dropped 7k to meet towns plan. Contract to be signed 4/7. (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 week schedule. Town provided staff at town garage to handle residents who did not renew stickers before 4/1 as required. (TM)
- 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 – 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, Project meeting 4/7 (KH)
- West Center St. Bridge – Final plans in works, wetlands reviewed (KH)
- Safe Routes to School (Woodruff to Crest) –Completed, some loam and seeding need to be done. (KH)
- Spring Street Bridge – Test drilling is being done. (KH)
- Town Hall Elevator modernization – Work to start 4/25/16. (KH)
- Charging stations installed, some markings and site work need to be completed. (KH)
- Fire House generator – Generator damaged in shipping, replacement parts that were sent also arrived damaged. Working with contractor to resolve. (KH)
- Leaf Bid – Zone process was sent out to bid, bid opening 5/2. (KH)

b) Water Department

- No Report – Department still working on pressure zones and Mulberry street (GB)

Other: Town exploring options of making bike trail on existing roads from New Britain to downtown Southington. (GB)

Member Communication: PWC member Ed Pocock thanked all town crews Police, Fire, Hi-way etc. for keeping the town safe and in great shape. He stated that most residents do not know how much work is done in accomplishing this. (PC)

Public Communications: Art Cyr asked if Municipal Center parking lot is going to be sweep. Hi-ways Tony Musto said sweeping will start as soon as weather permits. Art also asked about if cardboard can be collected at Bulky Waste. Town Publics Works director Keith Hayden will check on existing permits and feasibility.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 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.