

**Town of Southington
Public Works Committee**

Committee Members:

John Barry, Chair *Absent*
 Dawn Miceli, Vice Chair *Present*
 Tom Lombardi *Present*
 Ed Pocock Jr. *Present*
 Susan Zoni *Present*
 Chief Jack Daly *Present*
 Bill Casarella, Acting Water Department Superintendent *Present*
 Keith Hayden, ex-officio *Absent, Jim Grappone covering*
 Annette Turnquist, ex-officio *Present*

Contact Person:

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MINUTES

January 3, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
 Town Council Chambers, Town Hall

1. Call to Order – Quorum - *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Vice-Chair Dawn Miceli.*
2. Approval of Minutes - *Chief Daly made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Pocock. Approved 6-0.*
3. Communications
 - a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices - *None*
 - b. Police Department - *The Chief reported that there is a town-wide parking ban until noon Friday due to the pending snow storm. Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission asked for an updated Wonx Spring Road traffic survey for the proposed 40 unit aged restricted development off Hunter Lane. A previous report was submitted to PZC in July 2013 when a nine lot industrial subdivision was being proposed. Ferncliff will be added to the rotation for periodic enforcement with radar speed checks as needed. No traffic calming measures are being proposed since speed does not appear to be a major issue when surveyed.*
 - c. Bulky Waste Transfer Station – *Annette Turnquist updated the following record of the number of vehicles visiting the transfer station:*

DATE	VEHICLES
7/1/17	589
7/8/17	561
7/15/17	617
7/22/17	488
7/29/17	548
8/5/17	424
8/12/17	532
8/19/17	613
8/26/17	701
9/9/17	609
9/16/17	440
9/23/17	519
9/30/17	357
10/7/17	595
10/14/17	538
10/21/17	469
10/28/17	566

11/4/17	495
11/18/17	710
12/2/17	638
12/16/17	494

- d. Highway Department – Annette Turnquist gave the following reports:
- i. Leaf Collection - During the week of the second pass of Zone 1, highway revisited as many high-volume areas as possible. Good progress was made until the first snow storm. Once that snow melted, highway resumed leaf collecting in heavy areas. Unfortunately, collection has come to a stop with the additional snow storms and the extremely cold weather.
Tonnage is down 30%± from last year:
2017 – 3,775.2 tons
2016 – 5,347.2 tons
2015 – 6,976.6 tons
2014 – 5,203.2 tons
Contractor expense down 15%± from last year:
2017 - \$229,640.58
2016 - \$269,646.27
Overtime down 56%± from last year:
2017 - \$36,398.07
2016 - \$82,068.34
This is not typical and should not be expected in the future.
 - ii. Snow Operations – Small storms similar to what we have been experiencing do not always require contractors be called in, but they do require substantial material
Salt Committed to Purchasing
17/18 – 4,200 tons
16/17 – 4,200 tons
Salt Already Used in 17/18
2,594 tons (62%± of commitment, 61% of salt used in 16/17)
Salt Used in 16/17
4,242 tons
Salt Purchased in 16/17
5,385 tons (1,143 tons left over)
 - iii. General Maintenance – Leaves; Brush cutting on low-hanging canopies and inspecting & cleaning drainage outfalls
- e. Parks Department – Annette Turnquist gave the following reports:
- i. Memorial Park Ice Rink – Is open and has 7+ inches of ice. Highway checks the ice every other morning (if the temperature is questionable, highway checks every day).
 - ii. Wiring at Town Green - Gamco is providing two quotes mid-January 1) for raising the outlets off the ground and 2) for testing the underground wiring to determine what needs to be done.
 - iii. General Maintenance – Performing brush cutting on Town properties; Pruning – Plantsville Green, Rec Park, and will be moving to downtown area shortly; Rebuilding Rec Park tennis court benches.
- f. Engineering – Jim Grappone gave the following reports:
- i. West Center Street Ext. Bridge – the project is on winter shut-down. Construction is complete but the contractor has minor punchlist items to complete. The contractor will return in the spring to finish loam and seeding.

- ii. Spring Street Bridge - *Currently waiting for the PAL (Payment Authorization Letter), but funding has to go through the State Bonding Commission first for DOT to administer the project. Hopefully, the Bond Commission will meet this month so the PAL will get signed.*
 - iii. Jude Lane/West Street Intersection Improvement – *waiting on BETA Group’s final comments on the 90% plans and specifications, in addition to DOT Rights of Way (Property maps) and OSTA (Traffic signal design) review comments. AECOM to revise plans accordingly. The design of this project is funded with LoCIP funds and the construction is funded with LOTCIP funds.*
 - iv. Trail Lazy Lane to TL - BL *will prepare for the Preliminary Design Public Info meeting scheduled on January 24th at the Municipal Center 6pm . Notices will be published in the newspaper on January 10th and the 22nd. Letters will be sent to all abutters including State Officials, Representatives and Senators and some local boards and commissions informing them of the meeting on January 16th.*
 - v. UG Tank Removal - *Waiting on final environmental test results at Fire HQ.*
 - vi. Curtiss/Hart temporary trail connection, LoCIP funding, construction schedule – *A project authorization certification was received on December 19, 2017 from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management approving this project under LoCIP funding. Construction is tentatively scheduled for spring '18 and Laviero Construction will be ready to start as soon as the weather permits.*
 - g. Water Department – *Bill Casarella stated that the cold weather has caused five water main breaks in the last two weeks. He mentioned that he will be contacting Director of Operations Peter Romano to discuss the need to check school plumbing lines susceptible to freezing at low temperatures. The Water Department uses an inexpensive infrared thermometer (approximately \$20) which can be purchased at Home Depot. This low cost device can save the Town and homeowners hundreds if not thousands of dollars in potential water damage costs. SWD has a few candidates they are interested in for the superintendent’s position. There is a water board meeting next week to discuss the candidates and interviews will follow.*
 - h. Other - *Nothing to report*
 - i. Members – *Mrs. Miceli inquired about the need for posting signs at the ice pond at Rec Park and Panthorn. These ponds are not designated skating areas. Annette Turnquist stated that safety signs are posted in these areas.*
 - j. Public – *No Public*
- 4. Old Business - *None*
 - 5. New Business - *None*
 - 6. Adjournment *The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm (motion by Chief Daly, seconded by Mr. Lombardi)*

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Grappone for Keith Hayden.

