

**Town of Southington
Public Works Committee**

Committee Members:

John Barry, Chair	Not Present	
Dawn Miceli, Vice Chair	Present	
Tom Lombardi	Not Present	
Ed Pocock Jr.	Present	
Susan Zoni	Present	
Chief Jack Daly	Present	
Bill Casarella, Water Department Superintendent ex-officio		Present
Keith Hayden, ex-officio	Present	
Annette Turnquist, ex-officio	Present	

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MINUTES

Thursday July 5, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers, Town Hall

1. Call to Order – *The meeting was called to order at 4:31 and a quorum was established.*
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve Mr. Pocock, second Ms. Zoni Approve 4-0
3. Communications
 - a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices - None
 - b. Police Department – *The Chief reported that the PD looked at the Curtiss/Kane/Hart Street intersection for possible “No Parking” signs as requested last month by Ms. Zoni and determined that no signs are needed but the PD will continue to monitor the issue.*

The PD has looked at the West Pines Drive/West Street intersection and will be installing a “No Left Turn” sign for vehicles exiting West Pines Drive.

The PD and Engineering are evaluating the sightline at the Jeanette Court/Burritt Street intersection.

- c. Bulky Waste Transfer Station

*Early June was busy (1,000+ cars)
Last two weeks a little slower (700± cars)
Covanta really slow last three weeks, not too bad this week*
- d. Highway Department
 - i. Spring clean-up

*Curbs – one last route to finish
Loaming & seeding ongoing*
 - ii. Sweeping

Done
 - iii. Road Projects

*Marion Ave – done with drainage repairs (except for one top)
Bellevue – drainage repairs should be done tomorrow
Churchill - ongoing*
 - a. Crack sealing

*Did \$40,000 worth of crack sealing
Completed 6/14/18*
 - b. Milling

*Doing prep work now
Milling 7/17/18 – 7/19/18*

- c. Leveling overlays
Starting 7/23/18 (milled roads & ultra-thin bonded)
- d. Ultra-thin bonded overlays
Scheduled for September
- iv. General Maintenance
Roadside mowing
Garbage
Patching
Cleaning municipal lots – bad shape after weekends
- v. Highway Garage Fuel Tanks and Fuel Island
Had pre-construction meeting with Kropp
Received dimensioned tank plan from Kropp late Tuesday
Will place it on existing conditions map, layout in field, & test placement
Site work will start once we confirm a location
- e. Parks Department
 - i. Pools & Splash Pad
Rec has been a problem this year (umbrella, etc.)
Managed to keep pools running, but very difficult
Ms. Miceli asked why there was a problem with the umbrella this Spring if Parks knew about it last Fall. Ms. Turnquist replied that there was an issue with the pump and they replaced the pump this Spring but the pump would not self-prime. Their pool mechanic discovered and sealed some air leaks which enabled the pump to self-prime and it is now operational.

Ms. Miceli questioned when the pools were scheduled to open, who determines the schedule, why do the two pools open on different dates, if the schedule changed because school went longer this year and if the opening dates were met. Ms. Turnquist will look into this and report back.
 - ii. Door Replacement at Rec Park
Done
Southington Security doing locks Monday
 - iii. Rec Park lightening damage
Massive repair – replaced two transformers & several breakers (waiting on a few more incidental breakers)
Affected lights (baseball, softball, football) & other minor things
 - iv. Drive-in Sign
Gamco did work, waiting for Eversource (check mailed this week)
 - v. General Maintenance
Mowing & weed whacking
General clean-up in parks
Fixed up playground at Rec Park
Going to repair playground surface at Panthorn
Memorial playground getting to be beyond repair – Ms. Miceli asked about deteriorated playscape equipment. Ms. Turnquist responded that some stairs and platforms had significant rust and had holes in some places. There was some general discussion on possibly closing and removing the playscape or covering the holes with plywood painted to match. Ms. Turnquist will discuss with Mr. Sciota.
 - vi. Town Green Electrical – Staff requested a favorable recommendation to Council for approval of the contract to repair the electrical on the Town Green for R&C Electric, LLC from Bristol in the amount of \$14,886. Several local electrical contractors did not bid the project citing they were too busy. Two bids were received. Motion to recommend approval to Town Council made by Mr. Pocock, second Ms. Zoni. Approve 4-0.

f. Engineering

- i. Spring Street Bridge – On schedule – Next Milestone – Structure Type Study 8/18
- ii. Jude Lane/West Street Intersection Improvement – Waiting on DOT Rights of Way to acquire the property takes.
- iii. Trail Lazy Lane to TL – Waiting on man hour proposal from BL to schedule negotiations.
- iv. Curtiss/Hart Realignment, Trail Extension – Complete except for final punch list
- v. Downtown Paver Repairs - Laviero pulled crew for a few weeks. Anticipated return next week.
- vi. JW Municipal Center Lower Level Parking Lot – Staff requested a favorable recommendation to Council for approval of the contract to repave the lower level parking lot at the Municipal Center for Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc. from Bristol in the amount of \$110,000 which includes the EZIQC price proposal of \$93,731.98 and a contingency of \$16,268.02. The parking lot is within an environmental remediation area and the contingency was increased by a motion made by the Chief, seconded by Mr. Pocock approved by 4-0 to address any potential issues encountered within the remediation area. The approved budget for this project is \$130,000 in the Capital Improvement Program.
- vii. Town Hall Handicap Ramp Drainage – Engineering has designed a fix for the reoccurring flooding issue where rain water floods into the Town Hall Basement. Engineering has requested a price proposal from Laviero under the EZIQC program.

g. Water Department

- Mill St. Tank Project – All notifications to residents for public hearing required by P&Z sent out. Will go before P&Z on the July 17th.
 - Mr. Casarella and several members of the Southington Water Department Board will be at the Town Council Meeting on the 23th to speak in reference to the Tilcon Quarry and the SWD's recommendation to the Town Council against expanding the quarry onto watershed land. Mr. Casarella stated that the nearby wells and Crescent Lake are critical for the Town's water supply the any chance the water supply will be adversely affected no matter how small is not worth the risk.
 - Rourke/Hill water main work will be put off until August per request from the Town.
 - Art for a Cause-Pollinator Garden
Had ground contamination (Fe and Mn - tend to stay in the ground and not affect aquifer) remediation was developed by DEEP/Environmental Consultant to cap the land thus preventing anything from the contamination below and above the cap.
Will be inviting Kim Rees and Clare Bean to attend our Board meeting on the 11th to go over SWD stipulations again concerning garden and the cap on the property
- g. Other – The following issues were raised by members of the Committee:
- Ms. Miceli – Art for Cause – Pollinator Garden. The Bill Casarella and Dave Lavallee have been working with Kim Rees and Clare Bean to locate the garden next to the linear trail on SWD land off Mill Street. They want to start construction on 7/16/18. Ms. Miceli stated that no one had knowledge of the project. She questioned how projects are brought to the Town and asked if all Town Departments had been consulted? Ms. Miceli asked who was going to maintain the garden. Ms. Miceli directed Bill Casarella to put the project on hold since there were too many questions. Ms. Miceli asked why there was an ADA ramp leading to the garden and questioned if it was required. There was a general discussion on locating the garden at the triangle near the Hart/Curtiss Street intersection. Ms. Miceli directed Ms. Turnquist to work with Mark Sciota to develop a process for oversight for these types of projects.

Ms. Miceli – Open Space Maintenance Schedule – Ms. Miceli directed Ms. Turnquist to work with Dave Lavallee to develop an excel spreadsheet listing all of the open space parcels, when work is to be done, what time of year work is needed and at what frequency.

Ms. Miceli – Banners over Route 10 for Apple Harvest Fest, White Christmas, and the Italian Fest. The DOT permit allows for the banner to be hung across Route 10 one week prior to events and it has to be removed within one week after the event. Ms. Miceli directed Ms. Turnquist to contact the DOT and get the permit conditions changed to allow the banners to be placed two weeks prior to the events.

Ms. Zoni – Walkley Fountain – Ms. Zoni asked for an updated schedule for the fountain. Mr. Hayden answered that there was nothing new to report since the last email update from Mr. Chaplinski. Ms. Zoni asked when that was. Mr. Hayden said he would check. Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that the last email update from Mr. Chaplinski was on 4/4/18. Mr. Hayden asked the Committee if they wanted him to contact Mr. Chaplinski and ask for an update. Ms. Miceli said to put it on next month's agenda for the full committee to discuss.

h. Members - None

i. Public - None

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business - None

6. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Daly, seconded by Mr. Pocock. Approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.