

**Town of Southington
Public Works Committee**

Committee Members:

John Barry, Chair	Present	
Dawn Miceli, Vice Chair	Present	
Tom Lombardi	Not Present	
Ed Pocock Jr.	Not 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	Revised

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MINUTES

Thursday August 1, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers, Town Hall

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes Miceli/Zoni 3-0-1 Mr. Barry abstained
 - 5.ii. The chairman rearranged the order of the agenda and recognized Kim Rees and Clare Bean who gave a presentation of the Art for a Cause Pollinator/Art Garden. General discussion followed. Several members of the audience spoke in favor of the garden project. The committee members expressed concerns relative to the on-going maintenance of the garden, vandalism, potential flooding, construction schedule, size, ADA access and aesthetics. Ms. Miceli made a motion to approve the garden subject to the following conditions:
 1. The project must address ADA access.
 2. The organizers must enter into a written agreement with the Southington Water Department and abide by any conditions they may require.
 3. The organizers must agree to maintain the garden and remove it if they fail to do so.Ms. Zoni seconded the motion. 3-0-1 Chief Daly abstained.
3. Communications
 - a. Reports on Ongoing Operations/Special Notices - None
 - b. Police Department – The Chief is working on a long term solution to the parking issue in Annelise Ave.
 - c. Bulky Waste Transfer Station – Highways is working on the scanners with Jay Baker. Last week there were 600 vehicles at the Transfer Station.
 - d. Highway Department
 - i. Spring clean-up
Curb replaced in all routes – Dom making a pass through to check, have a larger area near Crescent Lake to do
In process of loaming & seeding – on hold due to road construction, will resume with restoration of road jobs
 - ii. Road Projects
Currently paving milled roads (Bellevue done, working on Marion, Churchill next)
 - a. Leveling overlays
Once milled roads have been paved (next week or two)
 - b. Ultra-thin bonded overlays
September
 - iii. Highway Garage Fuel Tanks and Fuel Island

- Received construction schedule this week
 - Should be breaking ground any day now
 - Old tanks scheduled to come out late August/early September
 - iv. General Maintenance
 - Super busy – CB cleaning, roadside mowing, potholes, etc.
 - v. Calendar House Solar – recommendation
 - Greenskies was selected. Ms. Turnquist requested the Committee make a favorable recommendation to Council for approval. Mr. Barry asked for a comparison of purchasing the solar panels vs leasing them. The item was tabled until next month.
 - e. Parks Department
 - i. Door Replacement at Rec Park
 - Done – will paint them after pools close
 - ii. Town Green Electrical
 - Ahead of schedule, electrician easy to work with, guys doing a very neat job
 - iii. General Maintenance
 - This time of year – parks, trail, and pools are priority
 - Implemented new weekly checklist for Parks Foreman
 - f. Engineering
 - i. Trail Lazy Lane to TL A pre-negotiation meeting was held on Monday August 30, 2018 with the DOT and VHB to identify large differences in BL's, the Town's and VHB's man-hour proposals. As a result of the meeting the DOT has decided they want to have a scoping meeting on August 2, 2018 to redefine the work effort.
 - ii. Downtown Paver Repairs The paving crew is assisting the Highway Department's wiring project on the green resetting pavers removed for the conduits.
 - iii. JW Municipal Center Lower Level Parking Lot Construction will begin on August 13th and will last approximately 2 weeks.
 - iv. Town Hall Handicap Ramp Drainage The contractor did not submit the price proposal before the meeting. This item will appear on next month's agenda.
 - v. Plantsville Safety Improvements – Mr. Hayden requested the Committee make a favorable recommendation to Council for approval. Ms. Miceli stated that she wanted to see plans before she would recommend approval. Mr. Hayden explained that part of the fee proposal was to prepare Preliminary Plans which would be reviewed at a Public Informational meeting where input would be received from the Committee, Council, and the public. Mr. Barry stated that he wanted on-street parking to be included in the plans. This item was tabled until next month.
 - g. Water Department – Mr. Casarella reported that the work on Rourke Ave. will take place in the next two weeks. The Water Department is strongly opposed to the Tilcon quarry expansion and they will fight this all the way.
 - h. Other
 - i. Members
 - j. Public – John Broetsch wanted the sidewalk at the Hatton Meadow repaired. He stated that last year access to the Hatton Meadow was blocked with snow and he had to use his snow blower to clear access to the Hatton Meadow. He was direct to contact Pete Romano for all issues with the Hatton Meadow access sidewalk.
4. Old Business
5. New Business
- i. Flagpole Mike DelSanto requested approval of a flagpole in Plantsville near the memorial on the trail. Mr. Barry expressed concerns about lighting on the flag at

night and who would be responsible for lowering the flag to half-staff when needed. Miceli/Zoni 4-0 approved.

- ii. Pollinator Garden Discussed previously.
 - iii. Fountain – The electrical to the green needs to be updated. Mr. Chaplinsky will attend the September meeting. Staff gave Mr. Chaplinsky a list of items that need to be addressed as part of the approval process.
6. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.