

**Town of Southington  
Public Works Committee**

*Committee Members:*

Michael DeSanto, Chair	Present
Paul Chaplinsky Jr., Vice Chair	Present
Christopher Poulos	Present
Ed Pocock Jr.	Present
Susan Zoni	Present
Chief Jack Daly	Present
Bill Casarella, SWD Supt.	Present
James Grappone, ex-officio	Present
Annette Turnquist, ex-officio	Present

*Contact Person:*

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday July 1, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.  
Webex Meeting

1. Call to Order – Quorum *The Webex meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.*
  2. Approval of Minutes
    - i. 6-3-20 Meeting Minutes *Motion to approve - Chaplinsky/Daly 6-0 approve*
  3. Communications
    - a. Police Department *The Chief reported that it has been very busy due to road construction projects. Eversource gas has recently milled/paved Todd/Russel Road area.*
    - b. Bulky Waste Transfer Station  
*First week in June exceptionally busy due to closure Memorial Day weekend Has settled down since then. Keeping eye out for person Mike saw advertising “dump runs”. Using clickers until after 4<sup>th</sup> of July, will resume scanners on 7/11.*
    - c. Highway/Parks Department
      - i. 2020 Road Projects update  
*Drainage contractors just about done with repairs. We have been pulling curbs & driveway aprons, cutting back vegetation.  
Tilcon – reclaim starting Monday & milling starting 7/15.*
      - ii. High School parking lot  
*Did project in-house through rough grading. Tilcon started today – fine grading & paving.*
      - iii. Memorial Park concession building renovation  
*Bathrooms gutted; Stone façade started; Moving along great*
      - iv. Memorial Park playscape  
*Confirmed there is space for a future swing set  
Contractor grading & installing curbs & fence accordingly  
Playground surface installation starting next week  
Additional area will be wood chips until swing set is installed in the future*
- The agenda was modified removing the Dog Park from the agenda and adding Parks Master Plan progress. Motion to approve Poulos/Chaplinsky 6-0 approve.*
- v. Parks Master Plan progress  
*Hinding started power washing the tennis courts today.  
Waiting on repair schedule & how long the courts at each park will be closed.  
Will complete one park at a time.  
Met w/ Pondering Creations yesterday regarding fountain for Rec Park pond.  
Electrician confirmed today that power is in place from previous fountain.  
Once Valentine Construction done with drainage repairs, move to parks to do concrete pads under bleachers.*

vi. General Maintenance

*Pools opened Saturday 6/27*

*Crew did nice job repairing & painting the block walls at Rec restrooms*

*Laid out distanced boxes with concrete tape for people on deck*

*Line striping some fields.*

*Striped drive-in for concert.*

*Sweepers broke down, one has been repaired, have a few roads left to do up by the reservoir (1 day).*

*Winter restoration just about done – some loam & a few aprons left (2-3 days)*

*Installed temp plexiglass at Muni & TH while waiting for permanent solution to come in, built some plexiglass partitions for Finance & the Registrar*

*Patching, mowing, garbage, etc.*

*Chairman DelSanto asked if more garbage cans can be put at Recreation Park and if the bleachers can be closed and turned sideways so more parents can social distance by bringing their lawn chairs.*

d. Engineering (*Please see attached Engineering Report*)

i. Trail Lazy Lane to TL

ii. Plantsville Safety Improvements

iii. Marion Avenue over Humiston Brook Bridge Replacement

iv. Spring Street Bridge

e. Water Department *COVID-Water Dept office is opening on July 6th .*

*Well 2 remediation is underway; Well 2A is on-line.*

*Mill St Tank Project is on-going – communication antennas will be installed within one month.*

*Kudos to Annette in getting the word out to conserve water use. The recent rain has help with the unprecedented high demand for water.*

f. Members *None*

g. Public *None*

4. Old Business

a. *Discussion of Rumble strips*

*Mr. Poulos provided background and documents concerning traverse rumble strips. He is looking to have them considered on Main Street in Plantsville. Chief Daly said the building (26 West Main Street) has been hit four times. He is not in favor of transverse rumble strips. Mr. Grappone reported that CT DOT does not allow transverse rumble strips on state roads, but centerline and shoulder rumble strips are allowed with DOT approval. Centerline rumble strips are currently used on Meriden Avenue and West Queen Street.*

*Mrs. Zoni asked staff to look into using rumble strips at the intersection of Berlin and Woodruff where the existing fence keeps getting hit.*

5. New Business *None*

6. Adjournment *Motion to adjourn Daly/Chaplinsky 6-0 approve. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*James Grappone*

# **Engineering Project Update**

**Public Works Committee – July 1, 2020**

## **Trail Lazy Lane**

- CTDOT reviewing the 90% plans – comments expected by July 17th.
- DOT doing in-house review of the permits.
- 100% Final Design submission by September 1, 2020.

## **Plantsville Safety Improvements**

- 90% design comments received from CRCOG
- DOT negotiating easement.
- 100% Final Design submission to Town/CRCOG by September 15, 2020.
- Tentative Advertising (November 30<sup>th</sup>) for Spring 2021 construction.

## **Marion Avenue over Humiston Brook Bridge Replacement**

- 90% design comments received from CRCOG
- DOT negotiating required easements.
- Required State permits are pending approval. Local permits have been secured.
- 100% Final Design to Town/CRCOG by September 30, 2020.
- Tentative Advertising (November 15<sup>th</sup>) for Spring 2021 construction.

## **Spring Street Bridge**

- 100% Final Design Plans submitted to DOT. CTDOT/CJM can still continue to request minor tweaks up to the advertising date.
- Hydraulic reports, permit plans and FMC-MOU permit have been resubmitted with CTDOT comments incorporated. No further changes anticipated.
- Fisheries approval of the FMC-MOU document has been obtained.
- One property left to negotiate for the ROW phase.
- Tentative Advertising (September 1<sup>st</sup>) for Spring 2021 construction.