

**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

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MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Webex Meeting

<https://southingtonct.webex.com/southingtonct/j.php?MTID=meeb2c69898584a7c118d07d537bad3f7>

Meeting number (access code): 179 655 3001

Meeting password: 1234

To call in from a mobile device (attendees only)

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1. Call to Order – Quorum *The Webex meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - i. 12-2-20 Meeting Minutes *Motion to approve – Poulos/Zoni 7-0 approve*
3. Communications
 - a. Police Department *Chief Daly reported the PD worked with Eversource on Townline Road to trim trees. Eversource wanted them to close the road because of how narrow it is where they were working. PD was able to work with them and still keep the road open. Chief Daly also reported that there was an accident involving Eversource off of West Center Street today. They cut a pole, and it landed on one of their workers. He was seriously injured but got operated on this afternoon. Chief Daly said the roof at PD is just about complete. There were a few minor leaks after the snow and rain, but he has never been more impressed with a vendor than he is with Gary from BMP. They did a phenomenal job and were very responsive. He thinks BMP did a great job. Mr. Chaplinsky asked if the leaks were after the upgrade and, if so, what were they due to? Chief Daly responded that one was a nail hole that just leaked a little bit. BMP came out and fixed it. Another was on the flat part of the roof, and they fixed the pitch. The third was in an overhang over his office which was not part of BMP's contract. It had to do with copper flashing, and BMP is fixing it. Mrs. Zoni asked to clarify the name of the company and where they are from. Chief Daly indicated BMP Construction, and Mr. Grappone stated Brookfield, CT.*
 - b. Bulky Waste Transfer Station *Mrs. Turnquist reported that she talked to Jay Baker this afternoon. The updated system for the Transfer Station should be ready for the first Saturday it is open in February. It is going to use cell phones to scan the stickers instead of the current scanners. Jay had me click the link and do a trial run, and it seems like it will be much easier to use. Hopefully it will be more consistent. They have not yet written the part that will indicate multiple trips, but it is feasible and will be done. I am not sure if that will be by February, but it is coming and will be a welcomed addition.*

Mr. DeSanto asked if there had been any big numbers at the Transfer Station.

Mrs. Turnquist indicated it had been pretty typical, but not sure what to expect this coming Saturday since it was closed several weeks due to the holidays.

Mr. DeSanto mentioned the Saturday in December we had to close the station at noon due to a snow storm. He said everyone was very happy it was open for the morning, and the weather was pretty bad in the afternoon anyway.

Mrs. Turnquist responded that the same staff that works Transfer Station also plows. Everyone was needed, and the timing of the storm made it necessary to close for the afternoon.

c. Highway/Parks Department

i. Snow *Mrs. Turnquist reported that since the last meeting, there have been a few snow events, one fairly significant. The crew did a good job. We have some plow drivers who are not as experienced as those in the past, but they did well. Everything has been going rather smoothly with snow.*

ii. General Maintenance *Potholes, tree work, taking Christmas decorations down (trail first and then greens)*

iii. Downtown & Plantsville Sidewalks – Town vs. private responsibility
Mrs. Turnquist reported that the following is a list of the sidewalks the Town is responsible for in the downtown Southington and Plantsville areas.

Downtown Southington

Around entire green

Apple Alley walk way to lots

Columbus from the end of Southington Insurance property to the restaurant (Flair) delivery ramp at rear of building

All of Town Hall

Riccio Way, Route 10, & Fountain

Sidewalks adjacent to all Municipal lots, Friends, Ideal Tavern, Paul

Gregory's, Bank of America

Stairs behind the American Legion

Downtown Plantsville

The Plantsville Green - 756 to 700 Main St

Adjacent to Centennial Park

Over the bridge both sides

Walks at the trail both sides

120 West Main St. (Municipal Lot)

55 West Main St. (Municipal Lot)

West Main St. @ West St. Bridge

Mr. Chaplinsky asked who clears the sidewalks for the walkers to and from school.

Mrs. Turnquist indicated if they are designated school access walk, we have contractors who clear them. That contract is run through the Highway/Parks Department.

Mr. Chaplinsky asked Mrs. Turnquist to look into where the school access walk contractor stops between the two intersections of Pleasant Street and Macintosh Way. They stop at a ramp, but it seems to be in a strange spot. It falls about 30 yards short of the next road.

Mrs. Turnquist agreed to look into it.

iv. Work Group for Trail *Mr. DeSanto explained this is a work group set up by this committee. Mr. Chaplinsky and Mr. Poulos will serve on it with Mrs. Turnquist being the point person.*

Mr. Chaplinsky said he was waiting for this to be discussed prior to scheduling any meetings. He said the goal of the group is to come up with some specific

criteria and designs regarding lighting, etc., obtain some quotes, align with Cheshire and Plainville, and determine if any grant money is available. Mrs. Turnquist will bring information back to this Committee for review and discussion. She has already done some baseline work and obtained a high-level estimate. Mr. DeSanto indicated this was brought about by the vandalism on the trail. He wants to better protect people on the trail by lighting it and maybe even putting in some cameras. He hopes we will find some resources for funding.

d. Engineering

- i. Trail Lazy Lane to TL *Mr. Grappone reported that we are waiting on DOT's comments on the final design submission. Local IW Commission review is tomorrow night for the pedestrian bridge river crossing at the end of Aircraft Road. Coordinating with ACOE and CT DEEP for the environmental permits. Anticipate late 2021 bid advertising. Mr. DeSanto recognized that DOT has been understaffed. How long do you anticipate their review to be? We may have lost a little time. Can we stay on top of them? Mr. Grappone said DOT is still working from home, but we will stay in contact with their liaison, VHB. Mr. Chaplinsky noticed the trail crossing on West Main Street seems to have sunk. Mr. Grappone indicated it is part of the Plantsville Safety Improvements project. The original bricks were supposed to be set in concrete, but they were not due to constructability. This might be why they are failing.*
- ii. Plantsville Safety Improvements *Mr. Grappone indicated we are waiting on comments from CT DOT on the 100% design submission including comments on the property maps from ROW. Mr. Poulos asked for the renderings from the public sessions. Many people ask what it is going to look like. He would like paper or digital copies. Mr. Grappone thought he may have access to a PowerPoint from those meetings. He will take a look and send what he finds to the Committee members.*
- iii. Marion Avenue over Humiston Brook Bridge Replacement *Mr. Grappone said the consultant is responding to comments on the DEEP permit application and revising ROW maps. Anticipated final design submission and draft bid documents by the end of January. We are still expecting this to be a spring project.*
- iv. Spring Street Bridge *Mr. Grappone reported that we are awaiting authorization from DOT to award project to Dayton Construction. First, we need action from this Committee on AECOM for construction inspection. Then Mark Sciota can sign the Project Authorization Letter outlining the funding. This is an 80% Federal and 20% Town project.*
- v. Spring Street turning lane at Route 10 *Mr. Grappone indicated he met with DOT's drainage engineer on the project design and evaluation of the downstream drainage system on Plan B's property. Final design changes will be sent to DOT this week for final review. Project to be started in the spring. Mr. Chaplinsky asked if that plan is still to bring the turning lane up to the restaurant's driveway. Mr. Grappone answered yes.*

e. Water Department

Mr. Casarella reported they are keeping up on all their projects. Due to the uptick in the Coronavirus, he has split the sifts. They have stopped going into people's homes. His biggest concern is the Treatment Division. They have to test the water every day of the year, so he is trying to limit their exposure. People that can work from home are doing so. Going to reevaluate after January. Mr. Casarella indicated the Mill Street project is coming to a close. Grass seeding and some landscaping are left. They will do those in the spring.

Mr. Casarella thanked the Town and Emilia for refinancing some loans and bonds for the Water Department. They are saving quite a bit of money.

Mr. Chaplinsky thanked the Water Department for the work they did on a water main break at Pleasant Street and Macintosh Way. They worked quickly before the big snow storm.

Mr. DeSanto asked for an update on manganese issue.

Mr. Casarella reported they are in a pilot study on the wells that have it (7 and 8). They are voting on the low bidder at the next Board meeting. The pilot study will take about six months and look at two scenarios. It will likely start in the spring.

Mrs. Zoni commended the PD for their work at the water main break at Pleasant and Macintosh. She indicated they got there very quickly.

- f. Members
- g. Public
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business
 - i. Spring Street Bridge Construction Inspection *Mrs. Turnquist explained this project falls under the Federal/Local Bridge Program. As a requirement of this program, the QBS process was followed to obtain the design engineer, AECOM. Since we were pleased with their work, the DOT is allowing us to use AECOM for construction inspection as well. The Town used AECOM for the West Center Street bridge and the Jude Lane/West Street intersection improvements. We need approval of the construction inspector before Mark Sciota can sign the PAL agreement, and the DOT needs the signed PAL agreement before they can award a contract to the construction contractor. Once DOT awards the contract, then we can proceed with our award to Dayton Construction. If this Committee is in favor, I would ask for approval of AECOM for construction inspection at the January 11, 2021, Council meeting; and approval of Dayton for construction at the January 25, 2021, Council meeting. I will get a recommendation memo in place for Dayton prior to the second Council meeting.*
 - ii. Spring Street Bridge Construction (subject to DOT contract award)
(Please refer to explanation above.)
- 6. Action Item
 - i. Spring Street Bridge Construction Inspection *Motion to approve AECOM – Chaplinsky/Zoni 7-0 approve*
 - ii. Spring Street Bridge Construction (subject to DOT contract award) *Motion to approve Dayton subject to DOT contract award – Chaplinsky/Zoni 7-0 approve*
- 7. Adjournment *Motion to adjourn Daly/Chaplinsky 7-0 approve. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33.*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Sciota, Town Manager

FROM: Annette S. Turnquist, P.E., M.P.A., Director of Public Works / Town Engineer *AST*

RE: AECOM Recommendation
Construction Inspection for Spring Street Bridge

DATE: January 4, 2021

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Per the Federal Local Bridge Program, the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process was followed for design of the replacement of the Spring Street bridge over the Quinnipiac River. AECOM Technical Services, Inc., was awarded the design contract as a result of this QBS process. Since the Town of Southington was pleased with AECOM's design services, the Connecticut Department of Transportation allowed the Town to negotiate a scope and fee with AECOM for construction inspection. The maximum payment for work performed under the agreement between the Town and AECOM for construction inspection is \$406,000 which includes a \$37,000 allowance for extra work. Under the Federal Local Bridge Program, 80% of AECOM's construction inspection fee is reimbursable.

AECOM provided design services and construction inspection for both the West Center Street bridge and the Jude Lane / West Street signal and intersection improvements. The Town was pleased with AECOM's performance on both projects and on the design of the Spring Street bridge replacement. Therefore, I recommend that the Spring Street bridge replacement construction inspection contract be awarded to AECOM for \$406,000.

cc: Jim Grappone