



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT**
Public Hearing on Ordinances
November 29, 2011

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Aldermanic President John Anglace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell – present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej - present
Alderman Eric McPherson – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Legal Notice – City of Shelton

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen will conduct a public hearing on the following:

- Water Main Extension for 599-615 Booth Hill Road and 10 Oxford Drive
- Amendment to Chapter 16, Section 16-34 Winter Parking Restrictions

All persons who have an interest therein may appear and be heard in relation hereto.

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1. WATER MAIN EXTENSION FOR 599-615 BOOTH HILL ROAD AND 10 OXFORD DRIVE

Alderman Anglace stated, this is a public hearing and anyone who wishes to speak and say what’s on their mind about this proposal may do so.

Bob Voccola, 10 Oxford Drive

I'm all for the water, as soon as possible. We can start the excavation soon. We have the majority; there should be no problem. We went through this once already. I guess there was a paperwork problem. We have the majority of the people in the neighborhood that want it. There are five people. We have four of the five that want it. We're ready to go.

Amilcar Sampaio, 599 Booth Hill Road

I am for the water extension.

Alderman Finn stated, five out of six residents are in favor of it, which one was opposed to it?

Unidentified speaker – 600 Booth Hill Road is the only one opposed to it.

Alderman Anglace stated, historically, you guys came in; you had a public hearing. There was somebody opposed to it. The City Engineer was consulted and this is the second proposal leaving off 600 Booth Hill Road. So far we have two people out of five in favor. That's not a majority.

Bob Kulacz, City Engineer

I received one e-mail this morning from Mr. Jonathan Sabo at 605 Booth Hill Road that reads:

"To whom it may concern, I regret I will be unable to attend the scheduled public hearing on November 29th. I would like to go on record as being all for the proposed water main extension for Booth Hill Road to oxford Drive. The proposal meets my approval. Please inform me when the construction will take place. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call my cell phone at xxx-xxx-xxxx. Sincerely, Jonathan Sabo"

Steven Miller, 615 Booth Hill Road

Let me first say I have extensively researched the water project on my own, because I am the closest to the main. My house is at 615, directly across the street from Rouleau Lane, and that's where they're proposing to actually tap in. So I am right there.

I contacted Aquarion and they've given me a list of contractors. I have contacted four of them. I have spoken with each and every contractor that came out – all four. Scott Candee from Candee Construction, Matt Brennan from John Brennan Company, Jay Callahan from Burns Construction, and Don Butterworth from Butterworth and Scheck.

They have given me a good idea. We measured it and measured all the way up to the top of Oxford Drive. They gave me a pretty good idea of what's going on there.

I am somebody who does want water from Aquarion. What I do want though, is I want it to be fair. What I mean by that is, I think that all of the houses that are involved, and I'm a little bit unclear on why 600 Booth Hill Road is excluded this time, because it was there last time.

Unidentified speaker stated, it's a financial issue.

Mr. Miller continued, okay, so if it's a financial issue for 615...

Unidentified speaker, he's not included in it.

Mr. Miller stated, see, I wasn't given the opportunity to opt out last time.

Alderman Anglace remind the people in the audience to please keep quiet while somebody is speaking and to address the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Miller explained, I am proposing that all of the five houses on this list that want in on this project, we all need that main extension on Booth Hill Road. I am for that. What I oppose is being involved with running the three service lines from the water main on Booth Hill Road up Oxford Drive to service those homes on that private road. All of the companies I had mentioned earlier had said that Oxford Drive is solid ledge. It will cost a lot of money to excavate solid ledge.

I am proposing that this project be divided into two phases. Phase 1 would be the five homeowners equally go in on the water main extension on Booth Hill Road because all five of the houses involved need that water main.

But when it comes to the service lines up Oxford Drive, those should be paid for by the guys on Oxford Drive. From what I understand, if I have my numbers correct, from the bottom of Booth Hill Road to the top of Oxford Drive is close to 600 feet. With all due respect, that is 600 feet of "none of my business". It has nothing to do with me. That is my position on it. I feel it is unfair that the Booth Hill Road residents are included on the service line installation on Oxford Drive. Those are service lines, not a water main extension. That is something that only the residents of Oxford Drive contribute to. Oxford Drive is a private road; it's not even a City street. I live on Booth Hill Road which is a City street.

Alderman Simonetti asked, Mr. Kulacz, is what he is saying true, that Oxford Drive is not an accepted City street?

Mr. Kulacz replied, it's a private road.

Alderman Simonetti asked, have we ever done a project where we've separated a project like that, in phases?

Mr. Kulacz stated, let's back up a second. The project originally, when the water company was reviewing this with me in the first petition, they were looking at an actual water main to go into Oxford Drive. But they decided, since Oxford Drive was private, it doesn't have the potential to be extended, and there's no reason they would have to put a main there to complete or to supplement the distribution system in the future, they agreed for long service lines from Booth Hill Road up Oxford Drive. Now, if we had to put a water main in there that would be significantly more. But our ordinance is clear; any project, any petition, is equal shared whether you're at the beginning of the line, at the end of the line, that's how the ordinance is written up. There are no exceptions to that.

Mr. Miller stated, I don't object to the main extension, but those are service lines. The service lines have nothing to do with me. Everybody needs the water main to get water. I have no objections to that. But when we're talking about running service lines up a private road that is clearly going to involve excavation of ledge, that has nothing to do with me and I shouldn't incur that cost. The residents of that private road should equally contribute to their service lines up their road. It has nothing to do with me and that's unfair.

Alderman Papa asked, Bob, do you have any idea what the costs would be if they separated that out?

Mr. Kulacz stated, all I can tell you is, it's a significant savings to put long service lines in rather than an 8-inch main.

Mr. Miller stated, absolutely; there's no question about that. What I'm saying is that it has nothing to do with me, and I don't want to speak for Mike but it has nothing to do with Mike. We are on Booth Hill Road. Our lines are coming from Booth Hill Road and that main extension. All the houses involved need that main extension. So dividing that main extension cost up amongst all of us is fair. Going up Oxford Drive which is a private road, it's service lines, it has nothing to do with the residents of Booth Hill Road, is not fair.

Alderman Simonetti stated, if we do the water main on Booth Hill Road only, that would only be two homes, correct?

Mr. Kulacz replied, that's correct.

Alderman Simonetti stated, so those two would have to take the burden of that whole line which, I think, would be even more expensive than what is proposed now.

Mr. Kulacz stated, that is correct. Then the homeowners on 10 Oxford Drive, 599 and 605 Booth Hill Road would be responsible for putting in their own service lines from the base of the hill.

At the last public hearing we had, the residents that had frontage on Oxford Drive wanted a water service connection in their front yard so they wouldn't have to construct

several hundred feet of a service connection. That's the reason why it's developed in this particular form. There are two ways of doing it – as we're proposing here or we stop at Booth Hill and Oxford and then let the residents on Oxford Drive be responsible from the connection at the intersection of Booth Hill Road. That's the other option that could be entertained.

Alderman Anglace stated, they could do that privately – the City wouldn't be involved. If we brought the water line up to the intersection of Oxford and Booth Hill Road, and the City did not get involved beyond that, the property owners who live on Oxford Drive, would they be able to come in and bring that line in on a private basis themselves?

Mr. Kulacz replied, they would, but it would be all at their cost.

Alderman Papa asked, Bob, because it's not a City street we're not responsible for bringing the water line in?

Mr. Kulacz stated, this is a unique situation; this is the first time we've had a project like this in the City. But it's the people that reside on Oxford Drive, they were insistent during the last public hearing that they have the same opportunity to tie in at their front lawn on the edge of their street rather than bring a long service line all the way up from Booth Hill Road.

Alderman Papa asked, who was the developer that built this Oxford Drive? The developer did bring that into the picture of bringing in City water, obviously.

Mr. Kulacz replied no, because there was no water available at that time.

Alderman Anglace asked, how come Oxford Drive was never approved as a City street?

Mr. Kulacz replied, well, for whatever reason, we have a number of private streets in town.

He continued, the project we would do, if you take a look at the solid heavy line is the proposed main extension. The three little lines, those are the water connections, and the circles would be the meter pits and they would terminate at that location. I can tell you a similar situation in town would be the American Legion Post 16. Their water meter pit is at Old Bridgeport Avenue. They have a long service line that goes up Tisi Drive all the way to the [inaudible]. That would be a typical situation like that.

Alderman Anglace asked, why are there three service lines coming up Oxford, versus one line and the three...

Alderman Simonetti interjected, the two-inch line won't cover the three houses?

Mr. Kulacz replied, no, they have to be individual lines because of the maintenance responsibility of the homeowner. What we're doing is providing three meter pits on the Oxford Drive side of Booth Hill Road. From that point the service lines are connected.

Or, for example, if it turns out the scope of the project is reduced, we would stop at those three meter pits and the residents that border Oxford Drive would have to make their connection all the way down there and bring it up to their house. We came up with the service line alternative in discussions with the water company.

Alderman Anglace stated, what I don't understand is, why couldn't the three parties that live on Oxford Drive come together with one line, bring one line up, and each of them tap off the line?

Mr. Kulacz replied, it would have to be a water main. They couldn't do an individual service line. The water company will not permit that. You need an individual meter for each customer. That is by Department of Public Utility Control regulations. That's the only alternative. We have the alternative of three separate long services lines on Oxford Drive or the alternative of putting in an 8-inch water main, which is more expensive.

Alderman Finn asked, if we opt to do just Booth Hill Road and not Oxford, what would be the cost to the people on Booth Hill Road?

Mr. Kulacz stated, I don't have a calculator with me.

Mike Bryant, 606 Booth Hill Road

I need water. I need water worse than any of them.

Alderman Papa stated we should try to divide it and find out what it would cost to bring the line in for the two people on Booth Hill Road, because they don't want to chip in with the others. Then the other three, find out the cost to come off of Booth Hill Road.

Alderman Anglace stated, I think the more compelling argument this gentleman has made is the fact that this is not a City street. We can't put a water main in. And they're putting three service lines in, and it's just unbelievable that two people on Booth Hill Road are going to share in that expense, which is unbelievable.

I think what we ought to research and go back and see why the City did not accept this as a City street. Accept it as a City street. Then get one water main put in there and do that as suggested in two separate projects.

Mr. Bryant explained that he's been at this for six years and has been to City Hall three times on this matter. This is the best proposal that has come along to help everybody in our neighborhood. He feels that the proposal should be left as it is. He stated, we have a chance to get water, now. If we throw it off we're off another year without water.

I can't wash more than two loads of laundry a day. It's me, my wife and two kids. I run out of water if I'm not careful. I can't even run my recycle water to soften my water because it sucks my well dry. It does not recover. I don't know, but I think other people probably have the same problem if not another problem, because there's not water pressure in our neighborhood. I think we all agree on that.

Alderman Simonetti stated, Mr. Kulacz, it would seem to me that putting that main line in for two houses, those two houses would share in a much heavier expense if we allowed that to happen. It would be much more expensive for those two houses than the way it's proposed now.

Mr. Bryant continued, the first time I tried to get water when I moved here from Texas six years ago, I ran out of water. I was shocked because I come from the driest part of the country and I could run a well seven hours a day, wash four cars, the whole nine yards, and never ran out of water. I run out of water doing six loads of laundry. I'm done. The first time I approached the City of Shelton to ask to get water to my house, they said \$30,000 for one person. I'm looking at \$15,000 now, and they're going to let me do it on a plan. Put me in.

Mr. Miller stated, but that's not a guaranteed number. If you go up Oxford Drive and they start hitting ledge, that number is going up. He's not guaranteeing that number. This is what I'm saying to the Board and I'll say it to my fellow neighbors. I want water, but I want it to be fair. The companies that I've contacted privately said it would cost a quarter of a million dollars privately to excavate ledge off of your road. It doesn't mean that the City is not going to all of a sudden charge us once they start hitting ledge. It's nothing but solid ledge up Oxford Drive. It is.

Alderman Papa stated, before we do anything, we have to check the actual cost of doing Oxford Drive.

Mr. Miller stated, in discussing this with the other companies, it was told to me that if I did this privately, because I am right across the street from Rouleau which is where the water main is, once I do that privately out of my pocket, I have a 10-year lease on that piece of pipe, which means if anybody wants to tap into that, they have to pay me for the next 10 years. So, if I do this by myself, then you guys want to come along and tap into it, you're paying me. So trust me, I want to be a part of this project, but I'm not going to – I also want it to be fair. It needs to be fair for everybody. Because if any of these gentlemen here, excluding Mike, was at my piece of property where I am, and I was way up at the top of Oxford Drive where it would cost me probably \$250,000, they would be in my shoes. Nobody wants to pay that money if they don't have to.

Alderman Simonetti stated, as a general rule we have people come before the Board in these situations that there are maybe 25 people on the street. Six or seven don't want it. And they end up having to pay for it when it's put in. We'll see if we can find the best solution for you.

Alderman Papa stated, if this is not a City street, can they still accept that we pay for the project and over a period of 10 years they pay us? Because it's not a public street, can we still let them have that particular advantage? That is my question. If it's a private road, are we responsible?

Unidentified speaker stated, we pay our taxes to the City of Shelton just like everybody else.

Mr. Kulacz stated, that is a legal question that Corporation Counsel will have to address. But if we're not putting a water main in the private road, we're putting an extended service line in.

Alderman Papa stated, but the City is going to pay for it up front.

Mr. Kulacz stated, right, just like everything else.

Alderman Papa asked, because it's not a City road, are we responsible to do that?

Mr. Kulacz stated, we will have to get an answer from Corporation Counsel Welch. It was not necessary to put a main in Oxford Drive because it's private and it's not going to be extended, and the water company doesn't need it for its distribution system. So they agreed to the situation. I gave them all of the title searches, all of the deeds, whatever I found, and they agreed that they could put a long service line in. So they don't have to pay \$80 - \$85 a foot for a water main.

Alderman Simonetti stated, you gave the example earlier of the American Legion Post 16. Is that a private road going up there?

Mr. Kulacz replied, yes, that's a private road.

Alderman Simonetti stated, so obviously it's been done before.

Alderman Papa asked, who paid for the line going up that private road?

Mr. Kulacz replied, that would be the American Legion.

Alderman Papa stated, okay, so the City didn't pay for it; it wasn't a 10-year project. The American Legion had to pay for the hook-up because it's a private road. Is that right?

Mr. Kulacz stated right; it wasn't part of a City project. That is correct.

Alderman Anglace stated, it's difficult for people to understand because it's the first time you're impacted by it, and this gentleman over here has pointed out, and I want to reiterate, what you see, the numbers you see in front of you here, are estimates. They allow the Board of Aldermen, based on the estimates and based on the results of the public hearing, what is said here, to make a decision whether or not to go forward with the project. The final cost to you is going to be the final cost of this project divided by the number of recipients. That is what he said earlier. And that is correct. If there's ledge in there and it raises the cost astronomically, it's just going to be divided up into the number of people and you're going to share in the costs. That could be a wide variance from what you see here on the paper. And if they hit ledge on Booth Hill Road, everybody shares in the cost regardless.

Unidentified speaker stated, you can leave the meters at the bottom of Booth Hill Road and I'll bring them up myself. I'll rent my own machine, pull my own permits and bring it up. I've got no problem with that.

Alderman Anglace stated, that's the next point. The suggestion was made to do it in two phases. We wouldn't have to do it in two phases; we would have to do Phase 1. Bring the water main up to the intersection with Oxford and put the meters down there. Then you guys pick it up from there and bring it up.

Unidentified speaker stated, that's fine.

Alderman Anglace stated, we can save a lot of discussion if the three property owners at 10 Oxford Drive and 599 and 605 Booth Hill Road are in agreement. We can proceed on that basis. That should satisfy everybody. What was suggested was Phase 1, come up from Rouleau Lane to Oxford Drive, and the cost would be shared between the five parties. Once we leave off there, the three come down from Oxford and tie in and pick up whatever the costs are yourself. Do it on your own. Your expense is going to be uncertain no matter which way you go. You guys are willing to pick up and do it on your own, and you might come up with some creative ways of doing it, I don't know.

Alderman Papa asked, would they be allowed to find out if Aquarion Water would allow them to tap into it themselves and bring the lines up themselves?

Mr. Kulacz stated, right, we would stop and put the three meter pits in on the west side of Booth Hill Road at the base of Oxford Drive, and then they would assume all of the responsibilities from that point. We could stop the project at those three water meter pits and leave it at that. The residents on Oxford would be 100 percent responsible for the rest.

Alderman Papa stated, okay, so five people would be responsible to bring the water from Rouleau to Oxford, not just the two, correct?

Mr. Miller stated, the way the project was explained to me is, if I wanted to opt out of this project, I would still have to pay because the water main is crossing my property, so if I ever had an intention to tap into that, I'd have to pay my fair share. Now, if Oxford Drive is going to tap into the main that I'm paying for, they need to contribute as well.

He continued, let me just clarify something. I like all these guys. I don't know all of them; I know Mike and I know Mickey. The very first time I ever met Mickey was four years ago when I moved into my property. The first words out of his mouth was, "Hi, I'm Mickey, I'm your neighbor. Welcome to the neighborhood. I want water." It went something like that. So I'm already ticking everybody off here. But my responsibility is to my family and to pay my mortgage. And I don't think it's fair to pay for excavating ledge up Oxford Drive. Now also, the way it was explained to me was, everybody who has the intention of tapping into that main has to pay an equal share for it. So if I'm paying for

it, or if me and Mike are paying for it, and these guys are going to tap into it, well then me and Mike have a 10-year lease on that main because we paid for it.

Alderman Papa stated, if they divide it five ways, if they bring the water up the main, it's divided five ways, and these other three houses are on their own to tap in off the main line. That would be better for you.

Alderman Simonetti stated, we're not the engineers and we're not the water company. If we leave the project the way it is that will be the least expensive way for everybody involved. That water main going up Booth Hill Road, that is going to cost a lot more to put in alone than to spread it out. I think we should do it all in one project.

Mr. Miller stated, then I would ask the engineer to give me an estimate with 100 percent ledge, because this is just a number he grabbed out of the air. I do this for a living. I've had four, approved by Aquarion, I contacted each and every one of these guys who said it's solid ledge up that road. And it's not going to be blasting, it's going to be hole ramming to excavate that ledge, which is time consuming and very expensive.

A good deal of discussion ensued between the neighbors, back and forth, speculating whether or not there is ledge going up Oxford Drive. The suggestion was made of having test borings done.

Alderman Finn stated, if you go with the one project, it's a flat fee, around \$15,000 +/- depending on whether or not there's ledge. But if you go with just Booth Hill Road as the project, and then go ahead with Oxford Drive as a separate project, do they have to reimburse the two individuals on Booth Hill Road?

Mr. Kulacz stated, if we put in the water main extension with the three meter pits, then it would be divided by five participants. That would be your Phase 1. Otherwise, if you don't include the people on Oxford Drive putting the main in Booth Hill Road for the two houses, it's going to run \$42,000 or about \$21,000 per household, if you don't include the three others.

Mr. Kulacz continued, as to the issue of ledge, if you read the last paragraph on the water main extension, because this was brought up at the last public hearing, I had in the cost estimate a nominal 30 cubic yards of ledge in the cost estimate. It says, and our estimate was, if we encounter significant rock, say 200 cubic yards, and that's assuming that the trench is half ledge, that would increase the project by about \$8,500 or \$1,700 per household. That's 200 cubic yards of ledge. If it was 100 percent ledge, then you would increase that to \$3,400 per household. That is based on our \$50 per cubic yard cost that we've had on previous projects, which may or may not hold when they go out to public bid. What they should be looking at with this cost estimate here, if you're going to consider 100 percent ledge, then add about \$3,400 to your bottom line. To \$14,763 add \$3,500 – so you're talking \$18,000.

Alderman Papa stated, and everybody would have their lines in.

Mr. Kulacz replied, that's right.

Mr. Bryant stated, fire it up, I'm ready, sign me up, I want it. So does my wife.

Alderman Anglace stated, let me just summarize this a little bit. I think from this point on we're going to hear whatever you have to say and we're not going to make any decisions. We'll get the minutes, we'll take it under advisement, we'll see where we go, we might explore a few opportunities based on what you said. Tell us what you've got to say for the record, say who you are, then we'll call this to a close.

Robert Voccola, 10 Oxford Drive

This is I think the third or fourth time I've been in this meeting. I am all for the project. I've seen the calculations on there. Even if it's 100 percent ledge, I've been there for 12 years and I haven't hit ledge anywhere on my property. Neither has my neighbor. Even if it's another \$3,200 it's not a big deal. Fire it up. I want the water. Everybody does. That's over 10 years.

Steven Miller, 615 Booth Hill Road

Again, my main concern, I want water and I don't want to upset my neighbors thinking that I'm the guy who's going to be the problem here. My main concern, especially in this economy, is how much money it's going to cost me. If Mike wants to pay for theirs, that's Mike's problem; I can't afford it. And if these guys are going to fault me for not affording it... All right? It has to be fair and I have to see some sort of numbers that are going to be relatively close. Now he's saying, before he puts the job out to bid, what is it, \$50 a truck?

Mr. Kulacz stated, \$50 a cubic yard.

Mr. Miller continued, and that was a year ago. I'm going to say it's a pretty safe bet that the price has gone up. I would like to see some numbers before I either yea or nay on this whole situation.

Alderman Anglace stated, you're right. I think based on what you gave us tonight and the questions you heard, I think that we have to take another look at it. Take a look at some alternative ways to proceed. You heard what the City Engineer said, if we do it Phase 1 and Phase 2 approach and bring the water main up with the three connections at Oxford, then all five property owners are going to share in that cost. Then Phase 2 would be left completely up to Oxford Drive to bring the water up to each home. I am concerned about this because I think there are some legal questions there. I don't think that we, the City, can go with a water main up a non-City street. It's just like plowing. We don't plow Oxford Drive because it's not a City street.

Amilcar Sampaio, 599 Booth Hill Road

I still pay taxes like everybody else. If somebody's going to get thrown into a project, we should be able to get thrown into the project. Because if you were to do it up Booth Hill Road and one house is 1,000 feet from everybody else, everybody still had to share that cost on that main. I mean, I've been doing water mains, I've worked for Complete, I've worked for Burns, I've worked for a lot of them. We did a lot of water main extensions and it's the same everywhere.

Alderman Anglace stated, whenever a line is put in and somebody comes in later and taps into it, they've got to pay a share of the original cost. We understand what you're saying. We want to see it fair to everybody and we want to try to do what you want. That is, you want water in the fairest way possible. We're not going to rush it; we're not going to make any stupid decisions and we're not going to do anything without you guys being part of it.

Mr. Miller stated, I think Alderman Papa had an excellent idea. His idea was to test drill to see where the ledge is. My concern is the ledge and how much it's going to cost. If we were to test drill to see what the ledge is...

Alderman Anglace interjected, test drilling – it's not a City street. Here again, we can't go on your property. We have nothing to do with that. If these guys want to test drill, that's their business. They own it; we don't.

Alderman Kudej stated, Bob, you said earlier we have an estimate for \$14,763. Then you said if it was 100 percent ledge it would go up another \$3,500 to make the cost about \$18,000 to everybody?

Mr. Kulacz stated, right.

Mr. Miller stated, that's still an estimate because we didn't put the project out to bid.

Alderman Kudej stated, how else are you going to go? We don't know what's under the ground. Maybe there's nothing. Maybe it's only going to be another \$1,000.

Mike Bryant, 606 Booth Hill Road

We're worried about ledge. We've got one person worried about ledge. We need to contract from somebody with the City that contracts it out. In our contract, let them make a clause. If it's going to cost us \$3,500 extra per household for ledge, if they hit ledge, okay, we eat the ledge, we pay for it, right? Okay. But what if by chance there is no ledge? If they don't hit ledge, do they take that price that's figured in on that 100 percent ledge which, as a contractor, I would be banking on some but not 100 percent because, Connecticut is made out of rock up here. You're not going to know the final project. You don't know. But if they hit ledge, okay, we have to pay for the ledge. If they don't hit ledge, I want the money that the City put up for ledge taken back and given back. Can't the City test drill for ledge and if they make 42 inches and there's no ledge,

drill that line, take that line and run it. Test it every 30 feet like they do when they tear up the roads that we have to drive on.

Alderman Simonetti stated, I think your plan to ask the Corporation Counsel about the private road is a good one, because that's where we could get hung up.

Alderman Anglace stated, the purpose of this public hearing is to gather information from which to make a decision. I don't think we're at that point right now. We have gathered information. We need to gather a lot more information before we get back. If we do decide on a direction to go, or one that we think is best, or alternatives, then we'll call another public hearing. We'll extend this public hearing and then give everybody a chance to weigh in on that. We'll leave the public hearing open and see what happens. It's not open indefinitely; it's open on the contingency that if we need to get back and share more information, we'll do that. I will be in touch with Corporation Counsel Welch.

Alderman Finn MOVED to close the public hearing temporarily; if we need to come back we will. So state and so notify the property owners involved, and we'll work with the City Engineer; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-34 WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Alderman Anglace asked if any member of the public wishes to be heard on this item.

Alderman McPherson stated, just for the record I'd like to state that on Section G, Line 2, we have stricken that line from the proposed ordinance.

Alderman Anglace thanked Alderman McPherson. He asked if any member of the public wished to speak.

Alderman Papa MOVED to close the public hearing; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:55 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton