



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
S T R E E T C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G
M I N U T E S
TUESDAY, October 2, 2018
AT SHELTON CITY HALL, ROOM 104
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 104, of Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present

Alderman McPherson, Chairman

Alderman Kudej

Alderman Gidwani (Excused)

Also Present

Brian Roach – Assistant Superintendent Highway & Bridges

Alderman John Anglace

PUBLIC PORTION:

Alderman McPherson addressed the audience and let them know that when their item appears on the agenda they will be called to the table to discuss it with the committee.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Full set of minutes can be found at www.cityofshelton.org.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman McPherson made a MOTION to add item 2.4 FLOODING AT 235 GROVE STREET AND 143 CORAM ROAD to the agenda. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2.1 REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE SEC.3-34

Alderman McPherson: I'm going to hold off on item 2.1 for the time being since the parties for this are not here yet. We will move onto the next item and return when the parties arrive. (After discussing other agenda items Alderman McPherson returned to item 2.1 at approximately 6:15 pm).

Alderman McPherson: Now returning back to this item. This request comes from Attorney Thomas who has brought this to us to have a change to the Ordinance Sec.3-34 so that it would allow his client to use part of the city road or piece of the abandoned road so his client could put in a few houses there. We have looked at this and it seems that without any input from Inland/Wetland Commission and Planning & Zoning, which we rely on their input when it comes to release of a performance and maintenance bond, so in this case we have a similar situation where we need to have some of their input and or recommendations here. I might even add the City Engineer to this for their input and recommendations. Coram Gardens is notorious for becoming paper streets and as you know a paper street can have other issues as well.

Alderman Kudej: That areas always been swamp land. It's never been dry.

Alderman McPherson: You can see on the map what his intention is. He wants to make part of this frontage for him to be able to be able to put up four houses. I forgot how many feet it was, was it 20 feet wide John?

Alderman Anglace: I'm not sure. The concept is to be where Weybossett ends, he's proposing before the four lot subdivision and to pull a continuation, like driveway in front of each of those four lots so that it's going to be a driveway as part of the subdivision. Each house would have a part that comes up to the driveway where Weybossett ends. He's proposing an ordinance change in order to do this, but an ordinance at this point seems to me to be a step in the wrong direction. It's premature, as Stanley has said, this area is swampy. It's wet and we've got to first see if Inlands/Wetlands would consider and approve a development of such a thing and whether Planning and Zoning would approve it. If they were to give it their blessing, then it would be appropriate for us to consider the ordinance. Other than that it seems like we're putting the cart before the horse.

Alderman McPherson: I think in this case it's important to rely on the input and recommendations of those departments before anything. I think it's important for them to weigh in on it. I am going to offer a MOTION to refer this to the Inland/Wetland Commission, Planning and Zoning as well as the City Engineer for review and or recommendations. I'll offer that as a motion.

Alderman Kudej: We will refer to all three departments mentioned?

Alderman McPherson: Yes. Inland/Wetland Commission, Planning & Zoning and the City Engineer.

Alderman Anglace: It was our understanding that counsel for the client of the proposed sub division, was going to be here tonight to make a proposal to the committee and elaborate. Now, should he be here before the meeting closes I think we should make a provision before voting on the motion that he be allowed to address the board and given the consideration so that were not closing it off.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, that was my understanding and while we are addressing the other agenda items we'll wait. Okay, we will allow for the attorney and client to address the committee should they come at that said time. For now, I will leave it that if they arrive they will get to address the committee and then we'll vote on the motion.

(Alderman McPherson and committee reviewed remaining agenda items and after no appearance made by Attorney Thomas or his client the committee brought the Motion up for vote).

Alderman McPherson MOVED to refer the Request for Amendment to Code of Ordinance Sec. 3-34 to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission, Planning and Zoning and City Engineer for their review and recommendations. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

2.2 FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CABINET ON POLE #5320, OPPOSITE 225 KNEEN STREET (FOREST AVENUE/KNEEN STREET SIGHT LINE)

Alderman McPherson: We have met out there and we do all agree that that is impacting the sight line there. I went to Mr. Basher, administrative assistant, and he had asked council to contact Frontier and UI as well, since it's on their pole to get it moved out of there. If we need letters, we would certainly appreciate one from Highways and Bridges as well. I think if UI can get Frontier to move it that could hopefully take care of it

Brian Roach: Absolutely.

Alderman McPherson: On a side note, I was also updated that a new No Outlet sign was put up on Forest by the traffic division. I was wondering if there was something better that could be there. A No Trucks sign maybe? Something for the tractor trailers.

Brian Roach: I'll have to look. I have to talk to Mark about it and see what we have available.

2.3 UPDATE ON ROADS

Alderman McPherson: Brian can you give us an update as to where we are currently?

Brian Roach: Yes, we are just finishing milling Federal Road, Sorel, Coral, Pilgrim and Spinning Wheel. Paving a section of Booth Hill from just below Twin Brook to just past Wood Grove and then we'll head back and pave Federal and those areas as well coming downtown. Also Cliff and North Oak.

Alderman McPherson: So we are in good shape then, considering the weather. I had Cliff and North Oak down on here too so that's good.

Brian Roach: Yes, the rest of the week and next week the weather looks favorable.

2.4 FLOODING AT 235 GROVE STREET AND 143 CORAM ROAD

Alderman McPherson welcomed audience members to the table and asked them to state their name and address for the record.

Scarlet Saddler of 253 Grove Street and Steve Lozyniak of 143 Coram Road introduced themselves to the committee.

Alderman McPherson: Here are photos that we have for Grove and Coram for you all to look over and refer to. I have already seen them on Friday. We have one copy here and Theresa received them by email so there are copies for the file. Mrs. Saddler, I'll let you describe the problems while they review the pictures and Brian is here from Highways and Bridges. Brian can offer us any thoughts and comments he might have and then highways and bridges can take a look at it to see what they can do to remedy the situation.

Scarlet Saddler: Sure. What happens is where the two of us have our property, there is almost like a triangle at the top of Grove Street where there is Grove & Coram and right across is Plaskon Drive. Coram going towards River Road, and Grove over towards the old Lafayette School. Anytime there is rain, especially the large amount of rain we got the other night all this water from the three roads gets to the corner and goes down Grove Street. Grove Street only has one storm drain on our side of the property.

Steve Lozyniak: What happens is part of the storm drain is mostly blocked inside, it's part of it, and another thing is the curbing is gone. Before repaving many, many years ago the curb prevented the water from getting onto the property and kept it into the street. Right now the curbing has been eliminated and causes the water to run onto the property and from there its downhill. This is how clean the top is, so this isn't anything we can do. This has occurred twice. Last year at this time the garage got flooded and this year it occurred there. We had 8 inches.

Scarlet Saddler: Another thing that occurred to me is I've noticed the stone wall on both of our properties use to be pretty high but lately neighbors have noticed the difference and how it's made a change.

Steve Lozyniak: The Street was graded on the sides so now there's low spots. From Plaskon as well as Grove Street gets water from the driveways. The runoff water. There was curbing a long time ago but was eliminated with the last paving.

Brian Roach: Water come in from which side?

Steve Lozyniak: It comes from both sides (referred to photos)

Brian Roach: Wondering where the basin leads.

Steve Lozyniak: I'm not sure where the basin goes. You can see it's clogged in the piping and maybe needs to be cleared.

Brian Roach: I'll take a ride out there tomorrow to see where that pipe goes and we'll have to check to see if it is clogged here or at the end.

Steve Lozyniak: I cannot see anything on the other side, just the one facing this way.

Brian Roach: I'll go out and look at it to see where this pipe goes.

Steve Lozyniak: How would you clean it if the pipe is clogged?

Brian Roach: The jet truck would clean it out. If it's clogged it may just be maintenance of it. I will have to go out to look at it. I'll see what I can do.

Steve Lozyniak: I appreciate anything that you could do. Thank you.

Scarlet Saddler: Thank you.

Steve Lozyniak: Maybe curbing could help.

Alderman Anglace: Usually these situations you described we have to live with until we get there again. It's going to take time before it's addressed because they are going to have to finish what they have going on right now. They will come to assess it but won't be able to do it until their scheduled roads are done.

Brian Roach: Once we get caught up on this paving we can get out there but I'll take a ride out there and look at it tomorrow. I'm curious where the pipe goes.

Steve Lozyniak: Thank you so much, we appreciate whatever you can do to help us.

3. OLD BUSINESS-UPDATE

3.1 CORAM ROAD ABOVE SUMMIT STREET

3.2 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF RIVER ROAD)

3.3 JOHN STREET

Alderman McPherson: I've been keeping these three items here so we can continue to get updates as to where we are with them.

Brian Roach: They are is still on my list and we have not gotten there yet but we will.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

4.1 NORTH OAK/CLIFF STREET

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REPORTS:

A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

C. CITY ENGINEER

D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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Street Committee Clerk