



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
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M I N U T E S  
TUESDAY, March 5, 2019  
AT SHELTON CITY HALL, ROOM 104  
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT  
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 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

Brian Roach, Assistant Superintendent of Highways & Bridges

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

None Present

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

**1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – February 5, 2019**

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

*Full set of minutes can be found at [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org).*

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

2.1 NO ITEMS

### 3. OLD BUSINESS- FOLLOW UP

#### 3.1 KNEEN STREET/FOREST AVENUE INTERSECTION

Alderman McPherson: Brian, I'm bringing these items up so that we can go over them and keep them on the front burner. I know the now former, retired engineer had come up with a plan with regards to this. You guys have endorsed it, the police department has endorsed it and I understand the traffic division is on board as well. It's just a minor thing they are going to do. They are going to shift it a bit and make it more curved. I don't know if Rimas has a copy of it.

Brian Roach: Probably.

Alderman McPherson: I think Theresa does. I have it somewhere.

Brian Roach: I haven't seen it.

Alderman McPherson: According to Bob, he said it wouldn't take much to do this and it could probably be done maybe in a couple of days, if that. Basically he said they want to make it more curved in the end, pointing to the left. The PD did more improved signage.

Brian Roach: Yes. Yes they did.

Alderman McPherson: I think that the easiest thing would have been a stop sign when you come up and around but I lost that argument. Bob thinks that this should be an easier fix and it's not a big job to do. I would like to give that a higher priority and then we will follow up on it and go from there.

#### 3.2 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF OF RIVER ROAD)

Alderman McPherson: I keep bringing this up because I would like it kept on the front burner. That's a tiny road that could probably be done. I don't think the road is any bigger than from here up to the next block. It's a very, very small road.

Alderman Kudej: There's only a two houses on that road.

Alderman McPherson: No, there's a couple, about 5 or 6 houses there.

Brian Roach: There's a few houses on the road and a shop on the corner.

Alderman McPherson: There are people up there that pay taxes and the road needs to be taken care of. It probably hasn't been done in forty years, so let's keep that on the front burner as well.

### **3.3 FLOODING AT 235 GROVE STREET AND 143 CORAM ROAD**

Alderman McPherson: I think this is just an update here on this. I think we did everything that there was to be done there.

Brian Roach: Absolutely, we have gone there. We've blown out the pipe down there and all that. He hasn't had any complaints there since.

Alderman McPherson: Okay, great. I will make sure we remove this one.

### **3.4 JOHN STREET**

Alderman McPherson: The John Street folks have come back with some more pictures. Did Theresa send them to you?

Brian Roach: No, I never got them.

Alderman McPherson: Theresa has them, I will have her send them to you. There was even more flooding and ice build up there.

Brian Roach: Yes, flooding and icing. My timing then must have been terrible going up there then because according to the minutes there's been flooding and icing. They are turning on the pump sporadically then I guess?

Alderman McPherson: Yes. I had gone to see Bob about it a couple of weeks before he left. He mentioned to me something about coming out and going across the top street there, Howard, and maybe connect it to a storm drain that's already there.

Brian Roach: I will have to look at that again because I don't know if there's any storm drain there. I've got to look.

Alderman McPherson: This is an issue that needs a solution maybe to the drainage. Brian is this just because of a spring? That's what I've heard it was.

Brian Roach: Yes, I thought they said that it was in the basement and they were pumping it out from there.

Alderman McPherson: I knew there was a spring involved. My understanding, from what we've been told is that the new owners of the house weren't running the pump as often as the previous owners because their conserving energy and don't want the expense of the constant pump. So when you went up to look that might have been why you weren't seeing the water. The water is pumped out less often.

Brian Roach: Right. We will have to find a solution for it.

Alderman McPherson: I would like to get these items wrapped up and taken care of before the better weather comes and additional issues come in. Spring /summer we'll have paving and such so I want to clear the agenda and get ready for any new stuff.

#### **4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

##### 4.1 NO ITEMS

#### **5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

##### **REPORTS OF:**

A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

Alderman McPherson: Brian you have brought up the point about the odd/even side parking

Brian Roach: Yes. I would like to see the odd/even side parking enforced, especially in the downtown area. With all the on street parking it's tough for my guys getting in and out of there.

Alderman McPherson: I agree with you. I have harped on this for years and I keep bringing up Cliff Street and here on Prospect as a prime example of these people, all having driveways but parking on the road. In the winter when we know we're going to have snow they should get their vehicles off the roads and into their driveways so that the plows can clear the roads. This is a continuing problem. We have the ordinance and the Code Red that we can use to get ahead of this. With the Code Red it can be geared right down to a specific street, my thought is that when we know that the snow is coming that a Code Red call be used to get ahead of this. Calls can be made, even twice, to the residents of these narrow roads to remove the vehicles from the road or issue the alternate side parking. You guys know what streets are problem areas and congested, narrowed and need to put together a list so then the Code Red can be sent out to those specific areas to have residents remove them from the street or do the alternate side and if they don't comply then your drivers can contact the police department to dispatch out an officer to ticket or tow the offenders.

Alderman Kudej: We need to make these people realize that they have to get off the roads so we can clear them off. Why don't we post No parking signs? They should be put up in these areas.

Alderman McPherson: We do have the temporary red and white no parking signs but one of the problems is that we have the ordinances and the tools but never use them. We didn't issue a snow emergency, code red or alternate side parking with this last storm. That's the problem, we have to do that. We have to implement those to have this problem go away. If your drivers have areas that they can't get into, then they are going to have to call into police dispatch to get out and get those cars off the road. We need enforcement of the ordinance. Ticket it or tow it, at least the road is clear.

C. CITY ENGINEER

D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: Brian, do you have any information on the mud slide at Riverview Park?

Brian Roach: We have been told to leave it alone, it's not ours.

Alderman McPherson: Is that railroad property?

Brian Roach: Yes. Its railroad property and comes up about 90 feet. It's their property, responsibility.

Alderman Kudej: The little league program will be starting soon and we don't need kids sliding down that hill there. It needs more than just being taped off.

Brian Roach: It has barricades around it now, jersey barriers have been put there.

## 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 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Vivian Kudej*

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Street Committee Clerk