



**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, May 7, 2019
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, May 7, 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
Alderman Gidwani
Ernie Hutchinson, Highways & Bridges

PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – March 5, 2019

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of March 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.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McPherson MOVED to add on agenda items 2.2 271 Beardsley Road and item 2.3 114 Hillside Avenue to the Street Committee Agenda. SECONDED by Alderman Gidwani.

A voice vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2.1 MAPLE AVENUE NEAR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/LOWER BROOK STREET

Alderman McPherson: I think we have had some discussion on this around last year sometime. I had gotten some complaints from people on this. The road going down to the boys club and going down Maple and around onto Brook. They are really in need of some repair. They are small enough to do. I know that last year the weather was uncooperative and hopefully it will be better this year but I would like to see that get done sometime this year. Especially the Maple Street area. It's a heavily used area.

Ernie Hutchinson: As far as the city's position on this, we have reviewed the area of contention. On Maple Street it is on our proposed refurbishing list. It is expected to be done this year.

Alderman McPherson: Wonderful. That's great to hear. I'll relay that to the people who have inquired. Thank you for that.

2.2 271 BEARDSLEY ROAD

Alderman McPherson: Dave, were you aware of this?

Alderman Gidwani: No, I was not aware of this. It's the first I'm hearing of it.

Ernie Hutchinson: I'm in the dark on it as well.

Alderman McPherson: This was sent to me by Alderman Simonetti and I had Theresa print out the pictures.

Alderman Gidwani: It looks like Anthony Simonetti was contacted here.

Ernie Hutchinson: I see here on the email, it's dated May 3rd. If we had been given it on that date then we might have been able to prepare for it.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, that's when I received it from Anthony and sent it over to Theresa to print out the pictures.

Ernie Hutchinson: It has to be addressed because the road cannot be left in that manner. There's erosion. Let us visit this and I will get back to you on it. I will be out there tomorrow.

Alderman McPherson: Perfect. We will follow up on this at the next meeting.

2.3 114 HILLSIDE AVENUE

Aldermen McPherson: Stan, I don't know anything about this so I'm turning it over to you.

Alderman Kudej: Hillside Avenue is one of those streets that I think should be condemned. Mike's property is below the wall that holds the road. He has a nice garden there that he grows but the people park alongside the road and debris goes down into the garden.

Ernie Hutchinson: I wasn't prepared for this. Let's get the gist of what the problem is here because I'm not understanding what the nature of the problem is.

Alderman Kudej: Years ago I had brought this up and had it looked at because water used to rush down the hill and go down the property into his garden. Curbs were put in to deter the flow of water from coming down the hill. When the property was initially built the walls hold up the property & road. Before the curbs water, leaves and debris were going into the property.

Ernie Hutchinson: The flow of the water is the problem here, is that the gist of this?

Alderman Kudej: There's the stuff going into the garden that's alongside. Mike's house address is 10 Highland Ave but the driveway and yard is located on Hillside. A problem is all the people parking alongside the road covering the drains and blocking up the road. The debris, leaves and in the winter, snow all end up on the property and in the garden area.

Ernie Hutchinson: I will look at this tomorrow too and inform the board here of the findings before the next meeting. I will visit it and try to address your concern before the next meeting.

Alderman Kudej: I wanted to get some pictures and everything you need to you but I didn't have the time to. I will get you everything you need.

Ernie Hutchinson: I will be in touch and come out to take a look.

Alderman Kudej: Also, the house across the street has a few different people living there and they were out working on a car. There were dark spots on the ground so there was probably some kind of spill and the sewer drain is right there too so something could have been put down there but I don't have the authority to go over there and say something about it. We'll have to take a look at that too.

Ernie Hutchinson: If you see something like that you should contact us. We can come out immediately. As far as looking into the drains, we've had a significant amount of

rain and without seeing it happen we can't address it without proof. Keep your eyes open and if you see something going on than certainly let us know and we can come out. I've added this to my list too and will be out to see.

3. OLD BUSINESS- FOLLOW UP

3.1 KNEEN STREET/FOREST AVENUE INTERSECTION

Alderman McPherson: Ernie, I don't know if you are aware of this or not. We have had a lot of back and forth on this and it's just a minor thing to do. Everyone has been on board with it. They are going to shift it a bit and make it more curved. They don't believe it's going to be a major thing.

Ernie Hutchinson: If you want to get to the bottom line on this, the city has reviewed Kneen Street and given the approval to move forward. This is a line of sight issue and is on our proposed work agenda for this year.

Alderman McPherson: That's great. There's been accidents there and we've had PD out there. The tree stump that was a problem was removed. We tried to get the Frontier box on the pole out there removed too but that would take an act of God to get it done. So Rimas, Bob, Brian and the traffic division were all down there and they put their heads together to get this solution. It makes it a lot safer. PD also made markings on the road as well. We feel this is a good solution and we look forward to that being done and taken care of. That's great. I will let the residents there know that this is going to be taken care of.

3.2 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF OF RIVER ROAD)

Alderman McPherson: Fairview Ave. it's just past Belmont. It's a small, narrow road that could use some work.

Ernie Hutchinson: Yes, I read it in the minutes.

Alderman McPherson: I think it can be confusing because there might be another Fairview in Shelton but this one is down near Belmont.

Ernie Hutchinson: Fairview, across from the cemetery that is the area you are referring to. I noticed that in the meeting minutes that you referred to the first twenty feet or so. Not to sound cliché but again, this is on our proposed agenda for the year. We are going to do the road.

Alderman McPherson: This is a smaller street so sometimes they slip through. I appreciate that this is on the list as well and will let residents know. Thank you.

3.3 FLOODING AT 235 GROVE STREET AND 143 CORAM ROAD

Alderman McPherson: This item has been addressed and dealt with so I should have taken it off, but it was my error so we are going to disregard.

3.4 JOHN STREET

Alderman McPherson: There's flooding issues there that I believe have to do with a spring. We have pictures in the file. Do you have them?

Ernie Hutchinson: No, I don't have them.

Alderman McPherson: Theresa has them, I will have her resend them to you.

Ernie Hutchinson: If you want to mark that area on the map I can take another look.

Alderman McPherson: Yes. It's up in this area here. Near Howard Ave that runs into John. Brian had mentioned that they could maybe run something into, from Howard. A drain in the area and maybe connect it to a storm drain that's already there because the water there, it really runs down.

Ernie Hutchinson: I didn't get to collaborate with him. We have a meeting with the director in the morning and I would like to refer to him out of respect.

Alderman McPherson: Sure, absolutely. If you need the pictures we can have Theresa send them down to you. This is an issue that needs a solution.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4.1 NO ITEMS

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: I'd like to mention Coram needs to have some brush trimmed back, it's in the sight line and needs some cleaning up.

Ernie Hutchinson: Okay. I will add that to my list here.

David Gidwani: The Nike site parking lot. The lot has some potholes and could use paving. I did contact Brian and he came out and did some patching and did that best he could but I wanted to see about getting that all paved.

Ernie Hutchinson: We can take a look into it and see what can be done.

REPORTS OF:

- 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 Gidwani. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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Street Committee Clerk