



Board of Aldermen
Street Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
at Shelton City Hall, Room 104
54 Hill Street Shelton, CT at 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in room 104, of the Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance.

Present

Alderman Eric McPherson, Chairman
Alderman Stanley Kudej
Brian Roach, Assistant Superintendent Highways and Bridges

Public Portion

None present

Alderman McPherson MOVED to add to the agenda the following the items:

New Business

- 2.1 Grove Street Repairs
- 2.2 141 Coram Avenue - Curbing and Water Run Off

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019. Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED Unanimously

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2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 GROVE STREET REPAIRS

Alderman McPherson: Brian we got a call from residents down on Grove. I took a drive down.

Brian Roach: It's a mess?

Alderman McPherson: Yeah, it's a mess. I did speak to the resident before I came here tonight, I said we were putting it on the agenda and would speak with you about it and we would continue to follow up with her and we would work to try and maybe fill in some of those ruts, smooth them out, then maybe if we have time do a little part of it. Maybe do a little. I will tell you Nells Rock looks good, we will talk about that maybe a little later on. But if we could do some repairs to hold us through. Smooth it over and then tackle the real job. Maybe late in the fall or if the plants stay open later if we have extra availability to do it.

Brian Roach: OK.

Alderman McPherson: But I said we would follow up with her so that's where we are on that one.

Brian Roach: Alright.

2.2 141 CORAM AVENUE - CURBING AND WATER RUN OFF

Alderman McPherson: I happened to be out in the field, right up here, on the corner of Myrtle and Coram Avenue.

Brian Roach: I saw that, the curb missing.

Alderman McPherson: Apparently the residence showed me the run off that's going onto their property. Would that take a lot to throw some curb there Brian and everything?

Brian Roach: No.

Alderman McPherson: Would there be a timeline on that or that would be what an hour job, not even?

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Brian Roach: Not even. Yes, as soon as I could get the truck out. We are paving now so most of the guys are tied up now. Yeah, I shouldn't miss all that right there in the morning.

Alderman McPherson: It starts up from, just up from where her house is. It's that big grey Victorian house on the corner, #141.

Brian Roach: OK.

Alderman McPherson: So, it starts up just before you get to her sidewalk, then the water comes down and then over.

Brian Roach: Yes, there is a chunk missing there.

Alderman McPherson: Yeah. So, if they could redo as much of that as they can then we are good to go on that and I could contact her and let her know that we are going to address it.

Brian Roach: OK.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NICHOLDALE AND ROUTE 110 CATCH BASIN

Alderman McPherson: I think this was already done. 3.1 Nicholdale Catch Basin, I thought it was. It was right?

Brian Roach: Right.

Alderman McPherson: Ok I can tell Theresa we could take that off then.

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

Alderman McPherson: I know that 3.2, we were, and these are just updates as we had talked about, the Maple Avenue down there...I think you said it was going to be done?

Brian Roach: This year.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, yup ok. I am just making a note here, to be done.

3.3 KNEEN STREET/FOREST AVENUE INTERSECTION

Alderman McPherson: I know that you said that 3.3, the Kneen and Forest Avenue. That is approved already and that is scheduled for the fall.

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Brian Roach: Yeah once we are done paving.

Alderman McPherson: Yup. Ok that's good because I sent notice to the residents there that the project was approved and it is scheduled for this fall. So, I told them we will follow up as need be.

3.4 FAIRVIEW AVENUE (OFF OF RIVER ROAD)

Alderman McPherson: Fairview, that small little street. I think Paul said that was going to get done.

Brian Roach: Yeah, that's included with Maple and Isaac Place. They are all going to get milled out and overlaid.

Alderman McPherson: Oh great, ok. That's very good then.

3.5 JOHN STREET

Alderman McPherson: I know we have had the recurring problem on John Street but I think Rimas was looking at a solution for that?

Brian Roach: Yeah, I talked to him about that. That's on our schedule for the fall.

Alderman McPherson: I figured all of that, we have to get all the (*inaudible*).

Brian Roach: We dry well test the system there.

Alderman Mchperson: Ok, that's good then.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Alderman McPherson: I do want to say, and commend everybody because Nells Rock is absolutely fantastic. That road is the best I have ever seen in 40 plus years. Could you, just so that we understand, what the fog sealant is. Is it something that's oil based?

Brian Roach: What it does, it just seals that chip sealing in. We have had issues in the past of plowing after chip sealing, it just peels right up. This is nice. Keeps it intact.

Alderman McPherson: That took about what, really a good day to dry.

Brian Roach: Yes. That is all-weather dependent on the drying time. If you have perfect weather, it's like 10 or 15 minutes you could drive on it.

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Alderman McPherson: That's it. I have been up and down it. I said wow, now this, and I think you are going to get even more, where it's going to last even longer. And I have had some people ask, "What's Fog Sealing" and I explained some of it to them. But it just really looks fantastic. So, thank you for that. Foley Avenue looks very well, that was a nicely done job as well, so we thank everyone down at highways for that as well.

Brian Roach: Ok I will let them know.

Alderman McPherson: We certainly appreciate it and I tell people, you know, people are out working, they are getting things done. And I'm saying it here tonight because a lot of people are quick to point the finger, to criticize, but I think people at times are needed to say. "Thank you, job well done" because everybody is out there really busting their rear ends.

Brian Roach: I appreciate it.

Alderman McPherson: To get it done, and I say it for the record and I think people need to know it. So, we thank you for your efforts as well. I do have an item, I am going to bring it back next month. Chairman McGorty had contacted me from Public Health and Safety. And this is about the round-about, up on Huntington Street, where Commerce Drive is.

Brian Roach: Yes.

Alderman McPherson: We had some discussion about it, and then when Bob Kulacz retired, we kind of let it slide a little bit. Chairman McGorty wanted to know where we are going on this. I did send her an email and replied to everybody that we are going to bring the issue back but the two committees have to work together and she has said we will work together on this.

Brian Roach: OK.

Alderman McPherson: Her committee will address the speeding problem to buy us some time. Then I think maybe Rimas will be where the program, Bob Kulacz said there is some kind of a grant that comes through the City Engineer's office that they obtain.

Brian Roach: I believe so, yeah.

Alderman McPherson: It's a State grant, it pays for just about all of the costs, we put up a very little bit, which is really a win win. But we also need the input of Highways, we need the input of the Police Department, but most of all, because we are not going to be able to use the Aquarion property. So, the property affected will probably be Mr. Scinto's property. So, we have to engage him, and we need the

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Mayor's office, the administration. So, this will be an effort on the part of a lot of different entities, but I think we could get it done. Again, we have to do the research, we have to have the design, it's got to be bid out and all that other stuff. We will bring this on formally at the October 1st meeting.

Brian Roach: OK.

Alderman McPherson: We will start the ball rolling there, maybe have Rimas look into it, maybe contact the former engineer and see if he has any information on the program. Then someone has to do the drawings and how it's all going to work.

Brian Roach: It all has to be engineered.

Alderman McPherson: Is it going to be in house vs outside contractors that does it. I don't know. I don't think we have ever done them locally.

Brian Roach: No, not to that extent.

Alderman McPherson: Are there companies that specifically just do these roundabouts, I don't know who did the one up on 110?

Brian Roach: Yeah I don't know who did that one either.

Alderman McPherson: I will tell you what one came out really good, because I often go down to Sacred Heart as a retiree. The round-about off of exit 47. That came out fantastic, and it's much more organized, it's a lot safer. So. they did a good job, I don't know what company did it but I know we don't know how big this is going to be, how it's got to be designed and everything what materials. I am assuming it would be brick and the granite curbing or something like that.

Brian Roach: Something to that affect.

Alderman McPherson: The police would have to deal with all your signage and all your lands and stuff like that. But I think it could work, I think it could be done. So, I think the two committees are going to work together and so we will bring that on in October we will get the ball rolling then and then probably sometime next year sometime will be done. Hopefully if we are still around after next week, I think we will but we will see what happens at that point. So that's pretty much it. I did want to have a meetin., I did want to follow up on these things. Is there anything else upcoming?

Brian Roach: No, we are paving Isinglass right now, Far Mill Street.

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Alderman McPherson: Far Mill, yeah that's another one. But you know, I look at some of the roads and are like, my god they just weren't designed for the volume of traffic.

Brian Roach: At all, at all.

Alderman McPherson: I mean once the road goes through Constitution it would take a lot of the volume.

Brian Roach: Absolutely.

Alderman McPherson: Nells Rock, I already talked to Lieutenant Yerzak about striping that road, that road used to have a yellow stripe on it, it's a collector road.

Brian Roach: Yes, I believe so.

Alderman McPherson: He did tell me that they wait to get a bunch done then they do all of them.

Brian Roach: They are waiting for us to get our (*inaudible*) in and over with.

Alderman McPherson: That is correct, so I expect in the next couple weeks that road will be done, as far as the striping. And it's getting done, and people could see it and kudos to everybody. It's been a big effort.

Brian Roach: Yeah. The guys are working hard.

Alderman McPherson: They certainly have. At least we have had the weather this year to do it.

Brian Roach: Absolutely.

Alderman McPherson: Thank God we have had a good summer for a change. Just another thing, when they get back to brush cutting, and honestly that could be the fall. I know Nells Rock needs it. I know they caught up by Wheeler. The Parks and Recreation did the triangle where Perry, Meadow and Wooster meet.

Brian Roach: Yeah, they take care of those islands for us, the Parks department.

Alderman McPherson: I think that is pretty much it, I don't have anything other for the agenda.

Brian Roach: That's about it really, now.

Alderman McPherson: OK then that's very good then.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: For the record, how is the Hillside?

Brian Roach: Hillside, that's today.

Alderman McPherson: Did they finish Hillside? I thought that was done.

Alderman Kudej: That guy sitting in the back there, he owns the property. All the holes off the road somewhat done. So the only section of Hillside, but it's held up by an (*inaudible*). And people are parking all over the thing.

Brian Roach: That would be a PD issue as far as parking.

Alderman McPherson: I am looking to say cars going to wind up in the garden. Maybe there should be no parking on that or do something to make things safer.

Brian Roach: Yeah, that would definitely be a police department or traffic control issue.

Alderman McPherson: Well we will have to have the PD go out Stan and let them address it and do what they need to do. So, we could take care of that.

Alderman Kudej: One of the kids that lives in the house there was working on his vehicle and left oil all in the road.

Brian Roach: That's not the first time.

Alderman Kudej: Then I said the DEP checks on some of this crap.

Brian Roach: Yeah absolutely. It's not the first time we have come across that.

Alderman McPherson: Well it's September and we have got a lot done.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Board of Alderman Street Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Rogers

Amy Rogers, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _____ BY: _____

Mayor Mark A. Laretti