



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
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 3, 2017 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 Balamaci

Also Present

Ernest J. Hutchinson - Assistant Superintendent Highway & Bridges

Brian Roach – Assistant Superintendent Highway & Bridges

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – September 5, 2017

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2017.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed Unanimously.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT – 12 JOHN STREET

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: We have a letter here, from the City Engineer that the work was completed in a workman like manner and the property owner is entitled to reimbursement.

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the Full Board to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$918.00 to Michael Wright, 12 John Street, Shelton, CT 06484 per Ordinance #877 (Section 14-9 of the Code of Ordinances) with funding to come from the Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43.

Motion SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passes to the Full Board.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 ASPHALT ISLANDS AT KNEEN & HOWE; HOWE AVENUE AT EXIT 14; POST OFFICE PARKING LOT ISLAND; BOTTOM OF BROOKE & HOWE

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: These asphalt islands in these locations were all discussed at the last meeting but I put them back because I felt they needed further discussion. In a report from Robert Kulacz in Engineering he has done some research. It was recommended that they stay in place. We cannot get rid of all of it completely, but I recommend that they at least be shortened. The long island over on the bottom of Howe and Kneen. On that one there, it's been hit, torn up and repaired multiple times.

Ernest J. Hutchinson: Okay, before we start, I would like to give an official sign in. I'm Ernest Hutchinson from the Highway & Bridges Department and here with me is my

esteemed colleague, Brian Roach, Assistant Superintendent of Highway and Bridges. Brian has 30 years of service with the City and knows the infrastructure better than anyone. I'm going to turn the meeting over to Brian and if he needs any support I can assist.

Alderman McPherson: Forgive me for not doing introductions, welcome Brian.

Alderman Kudej: Welcome Brian.

Alderman Balamaci: Welcome.

Brian Roach: Thank you. Yes, I did receive some notes from George on it.

Alderman McPherson: The area on Howe Avenue at Exit 14, by Route 8 has not been well maintained. I think at some point we need to look into doing something there. Again, it's very confusing over there too. From the look of it, it has been driven over, all chewed up. I can see the small portion under the bridge remaining there, but the entire length? I know Stan has issues with it. I know the one under the bridge is State responsibility but I think we need to do something better with it.

Alderman Kudej: Yes. That island there has caused a number of accidents over there. I, myself have had an accident there on Howe Avenue by Route 8. With my accident a guy on the right decided to take a left hand turn U turn in front of me and we T-boned. There are no signs there for direction to New Haven and Route 34. People get confused and turn right there. You have Route 8 North/Waterbury, but nothing on direction to New Haven. I've been trying for a while now to at least get signs put up. And four months later I witnessed the same thing happen, another accident.

Brian Roach: Those islands are State installed and State responsibility. I know there used to be a no U Turn sign there but it kept getting run over.

Alderman Kudej: I've talked to people about having either the island shortened up or having signs put up but haven't had any luck so far.

Alderman McPherson: The asphalt island over on Kneen and Howe, we need to take a look at it to see if it could be shortened.

Brian Roach: I think we would have to go to the traffic division and engineering on that and then take it from there.

Alderman McPherson: Another area that bothers me is at the bottom of Brook Street & Howe Avenue. I don't know why it can't just be the double yellow lines over there.

Brian Roach: The island does help to divide the lanes over there and prevents cross over. Again that would have to go over to the traffic division. It does keep the two areas separated and prevent crossover.

Alderman McPherson: I'm not a fan of these islands, particularly in these areas.

Alderman McPherson: Another area brought to my attention by employees of the Post Office was the island that was in the lot. Paving was done in the parking lot and the long island strip was removed. Complaints are that vehicles drive through the lot now.

Brian Roach: I actually don't know why that was removed and who did that. George & I took a look at it. We discussed putting planters in its place and keeping a distance between them that cars can't fit through.

Alderman McPherson: If we could do that, it could help. It's really needed. It may not be this year, but maybe spring?

Brian Roach: Yes, it's on the radar.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN- none presented.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman McPherson: This is not on the agenda but I would like to mention an area, Nells Rock Road. Driving down Nells Rock Road towards Bridgeport Avenue, past Holy Ghost Park on the right, there is drainage that was in the center of the road but moved to the side? That area there, it has a lot of erosion, its long and about a foot deep. I parked over by Holy Ghost and watched the cars in that area. Cars move into the oncoming lane in order to avoid it. It's getting pretty deep, I would like to get that looked at and maybe get it filled in temporarily for now.

Brian Roach: Yes, we can take a look at that.

Alderman McPherson: Can we just get a quick update from you guys on the roads?

Brian Roach: Yes. We've completed Fox Hill, Bear Path, Little Fawn, Coach Hill is scheduled to return next week and Pleasant, Prospect, Hill & High Street.

Alderman McPherson: What did you do over on Meadow? Did you apply a sealant or something? It looks really good over there.

Brian Roach: It was micro surfacing.

Alderman McPherson: Wow, that is great. I didn't hear anything while that was being done and I live over near there.

Brian Roach: Yes, it's quiet process and came out nice.

Alderman McPherson: When do the asphalt plants close? When the weather gets colder?

Brian Roach: The asphalt plants will be open and go until there snow.

Alderman McPherson: Wow, that's great, I didn't realize that. Very good. Does anyone else have anything? Stan?

Alderman Kudej: No, I don't have anything to add.

Alderman Balamaci: I have an issue but I'm not sure if they can help with it or not. I live over near Mountain Drive and where the businesses are, but the road is being blocked with employees parking on the street. There have been no parking signs but there's still cars, litter and even semis parking overnight. I know police don't tend to patrol there much because it is so secluded but it's my neighborhood doing clean up because of the litter coming from those businesses. I don't know who addresses the littering.

Alderman McPherson: Semi parking overnight was an issue in the past over on Hull Street but I notified the police department and they took care of it.

Alderman Balamaci: I recall you mentioning that. The other thing is the high traffic over by the Ivy Brook Medical Center. It's been busier there now, you have more traffic and people turn out of that lot. There has been a sign stating that oncoming traffic doesn't stop but it still a high accident location.

Ernest J. Hutchinson: We will take a look into your concerns.

Alderman Balamaci: Thank you so much.

REPORTS:

- A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES**
- C. CITY ENGINEER**
- D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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Street Committee Clerk