



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
STREET COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 7, 2008

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Kenneth Olin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m.

Roll Call - Street Committee

Alderman Kenneth Olin, Chairman, present
Alderman Stanley Kudej, present
Alderman Lynne Farrell, present

Also Present:

Alderman Anthony Simonetti
Alderman Jason Perillo

Public Session

Mary Ann Roggemann, 56 Wells Avenue, asked if she should speak on the matter regarding Wells Avenue now, or wait until the agenda item comes up.

Alderman Olin asked that she wait until the agenda item comes up.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Street Committee meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Street Committee meeting with the following correction:

Page 16, paragraph 3 change "the map that is here shows .18" to "the map that is here shows .10"

SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2.1 Request for Approval to Establish Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority Bus Stops within the City of Shelton

Alderman Kudej MOVED to forward Item 2.1 – Request for Approval to Establish Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority Bus Stops within the City of Shelton to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 Referral, and to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell.

Alderman Kudej explained that a bus stop sign has been placed at the end of Plaskon Drive. The neighbors want to know what that meant. Planning and Zoning wasn't aware of anything. The signs have been put up and nobody approved them. He believes the Transit Authority went through the Police Department and not Planning and Zoning. So Planning and Zoning contacted the Transit Authority and they're trying to do it right.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2.2 Sidewalk Reimbursement – Primrose Development

Alderman Kudej noted that they're looking to get reimbursed for sidewalks that are new construction, not replacement sidewalks. He believes the Ordinance does not provide for that.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to refer Item 2.2 – Sidewalk Reimbursement – Primrose Development to the full Board for discussion; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2.3 Stretch of Road between Fairlane Drive and Short Street

Pete Monteiro of 18 Fairlane Drive addressed the Street Committee, asking that the City consider paving the section of Short Street that runs between Walnut Tree Hill Road and Fairlane. He also stated that he would like some streetlights placed in the area as well.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to refer the paving item to the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Highways and Bridges; and further,

MOVED to refer Mr. Monteiro to the Public Health & Safety Committee to consider his request for streetlights; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2.4 Widening and Installation of Turn-Around on Woonsocket Road

Alderman Perillo explained his concern about the width of the road and the ability of vehicles to turn around.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to refer Item 2.4 – Widening and Installation of a Turn-Around on Woonsocket Road to the City Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

3.1 Abandonment of a Portion of the Right-of-Way at the End of Wells Avenue

Mr. Bellis, who represents MJS Builders, explained in great length his position that they are awaiting an action by the Board of Aldermen on the positive 8-24 Referral that has been received from the Planning and Zoning Commission, backed up by a strong recommendation from Inland-Wetlands Coordinator John Cook to approve the abandonment.

Mr. Bellis provided the Street Committee with a new map and legal description, noting that nothing has changed.

Alderman Olin explained that after extensive review, it is the consensus of the Street Committee to send the item back to the Inland-Wetlands Commission. The Street Committee members visited the site, and there was water there. Looking at the original map, there was once a pond where the water is.

Mike Salemme, the developer, reviewed the map, and pointed out the different areas where drainage solutions have been employed. He explained to the Committee that the water the Committee saw was from a pipe that the excavator had left undone. The water was drainage water from Wells Avenue. A new soil scientist was hired and spent the

day with John Cook taking soil samples. The two of them together agreed that the area is not wetlands.

Mr. Salemme and the Committee members discussed the past history of the property, and that the various City departments are contradicting one another as concerns the property.

Mr. Salemme also explained that the parking issue will be resolved once his project is completed and he gets his machines out of there. He noted that there will be more parking, and the neighborhood will be better.

Alderman Kudej explained that the matter is very confusing, and that every day they are getting different information. I want time to digest some of this and be able to go to bed at night and say I made the right decision.

No action.

3.2 Proposed Installation of Directional Signage for Wesley Village

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the full Board to disapprove the request for the installation of directional signage for Wesley Village at the intersections of River Road (Route 110) at Long Hill Avenue and Constitution Boulevard South and River Road; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to notify the Street Department that the street sign is missing at the corner of Grove Street and Coram Road, and the sign post is lying on the ground; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Alderman Farrell noted that the pavement at the corner of Armstrong and James Farm Roads is sinking, and there are potholes that have not been filled in for weeks.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen