



Board of Aldermen
Shelton, Connecticut
STREET COMMITTEE – MARCH 3, 2003

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Ken Olin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call - Street Committee

Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Nancy Minotti - present

There was a quorum of 3 present, 0 absent.

Public Session

Alderman Olin noted that this is the second meeting in a row that the Superintendent of Public Works is not present. Representation from Public Works is needed at the Street Committee meeting.

He asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Tom LaTulipe, 91 Toas Street

Some things have come to my attention in the neighborhood. I went down to the Department of Public Works to report it. I was here about three years ago and they did come up and take care of the front of my property, and then they were going to put in a black curb in the front, because I have a water problem up there. I have one pump and then sometimes I have to put two pumps there. What is happening is when the plow comes up and the road, if somebody would go up there and look at it in front of 91, I would appreciate it. Right on Toas. When the plow comes up, they do good jobs, but as he comes up the road, the plow, there is a tree adjacent alongside the road so he has to swing out to miss the tree, and when he does, all the water that comes down, the road goes in the back of the snow that he just plowed, it comes down my driveway. I'd just like to have somebody go up and look at it. I've been down to the Department of Public Works and I mentioned it to him

two or three times, and nothing's been done about it. I think it's a problem. Then they put up a sign on the corner of Cranston there, because I was always getting – I didn't complain about the sign, they put it up because there was no numbers on the telephone pole, and when they put it up the property owner was complaining because it was going to interfere with his cutting grass. So within two or three days the sign disappeared. I went down there and I told them about the sign, and it's still not up, and it's about a year now or more. Then on Pawtucket, there is a car that's unregistered, no plates on it. It's been there for three years. The people that had the car moved out and the car is still there. On the corner there, it's a black car.

Alderman Minotti asked, what kind of sign is missing?

Mr. LaTulipe replied, it's a sign that, I can't think of the name of it – Cranston. The street sign. It's on Pawtucket, just as you go around the corner off Toas Street. It's right there on the right hand side if you go from Toas into Pawtucket. It's abandoned. The story is, the fellow that owned the car, he said it was registered in Rhode Island at one time and he couldn't get a title for it. That's all I have to bring to your attention.

Alderman Olin stated, we'll get the Chief of Police involved regarding the car.

Mr. LaTulipe stated, the car doesn't bother me as much as the water that comes into the yard.

Alderman Olin stated, we'll go up and look at it.

He asked if any other member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Kudej MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 3, 2003 Street Committee meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

[Mayor Lauretti arrived at this point, 7:15 p.m.]

NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Sale of State-Owned Land, File #126-68-20a

Alderman Kudej MOVED, per the recommendation of the City Engineer, to show a non-interest in the sale of State-owned land, File #126-68-20a located on Howe Avenue; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Kudej asked, where is this land on Howe Avenue?

Mayor Laretti replied, I think it's near Riverview Park. There should be an address on there.

Alderman Minotti stated, it's 967 Howe Avenue.

Alderman Kudej stated, it's past Turecek's and before Indian Wells.

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

2.2 Performance Bond Release – Cedar Hill Estates Subdivision

Alderman Kudej MOVED, per the recommendation of Planning & Zoning to approve the release of the \$58,000 performance bond for Cedar Hill Estates, subject to the following:

- 1) the Board of Aldermen accepts Cedarwood Lane from the former dead end at 42 Cedarwood Lane, northerly to the new cul-de-sac, 260 feet;
- 2) the developer posting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$11,600 for a period of one year from the date of acceptance.

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

Mayor Laretti asked if anyone had been up to check on Cedar Estates, especially now that the water tables are high.

Alderman Kudej stated, Mr. Kulacz recommends the release of the performance surety subject to the provisions as listed.

2.3 120 Wooster Street

Aldermen Kudej stated that he and Alderman Olin have gone to the Mackniak residence. He claims that the water runs down the hill and into his property and

through his garage. He claims it happens because the road has been paved so many times and there is no curb there to divert the water. He is asking for a curb and if the City would help him with the sewer that is at his garage, because it is caving in. The pipe is at the garage and is on private property.

Superintendent of Highways and Bridges Bill Mooney suggested that the City Engineer provide some past history – who owns it and who put it in. It may not even be in the City right-of-way.

Alderman Olin stated that we'll get a letter off to the City Engineer asking him to go up there and check it out, and report back to us on it.

Mr. Mackniak was present and explained that he wrote about two different issues. During heavy rains and with snow and ice – there is flooding that comes down the street, jumps the curb. [Mr. Mackniak showed photographs to the Committee, detailing the problems he is having with the drainage]. The City Yard did put in processed bank run, but the problem still exists.

Mayor Lauretti explained to Mr. Mackniak that the City Engineer is going to evaluate everything and report back to the Committee about the pipe – where it is – who owns it, etc.

Mr. Mackniak stated that the pipe goes underneath the garage. He showed more photos to the committee depicting holes and showing where the pipe runs.

2.4 Performance Bond Release – Tuxedo Avenue Extension

Alderman Kudej MOVED, per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to approve the release of the \$5,000 performance bond for the completion of improvements for the extension of Tuxedo Avenue, subject to the following:

- 1) The Board of Aldermen accepting the extension of Tuxedo Avenue from the former cul-de-sac at house #40 to the new cul-de-sac at house #48, 90 feet.

SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Kudej asked, is that all the way to the end now? There used to be a collection pond there for water.

Mayor Lauretti asked, how come Angel is not on this list?

Alderman Kudej stated, it should be.

Mayor Lauretti stated, we should just continue that road. We talked about that a couple of years ago, but nothing happened. Tuxedo – it's a \$5,000 bond and if my memory is correct, this is the end of it.

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

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Kathleen Drive

Alderman Olin explained that this is about the driveway that puddles up there on Kathleen. We said we would look into it. There is a letter here from the City Engineer. The drain is higher than the driveway.

Mr. Mooney stated, the water comes out of the gentleman's yard, and it's a problem created by that yard. It will be done, and when the drainage is installed, this gentleman is going to have to pick up some extensions to pull the water out of his yard.

Mayor Lauretti asked, is there a basin close by?

Mr. Mooney replied, there is a basin above the driveway and around the corner on Dartmouth or Pennsylvania. We're going to provide a spot for him to tie into, but he's going to have to spend some money.

Mayor Lauretti stated, we should make him aware – give him a little notice a couple of weeks before we get there letting him know when we're going to be there. Maybe he wants to have his contractor tie in at the same time, while it's open – it might save him a little bit.

Alderman Olin stated, prior to us going there I'll call him and tell him.

Mayor Lauretti explained that he and Mr. Mooney discussed these items that are listed on the Agenda under Old Business, and will try to prioritize them – and get them done by the end of June.

3.3 Plaskon Drive

Mayor Lauretti stated that – as soon as the asphalt plants open – this should be taken care of. I committed to those people last fall that we would rectify the drainage and a portion of it has got to be resurfaced.

That road used to be a cul-de-sac and then it opened up to Constitution. We never formally took the cul-de-sac out. We should discuss that and take care of it while we're up there, if that's the consensus, we'll curb it off, dig up the other stuff and resurface it out. It will be mid-to-late-April.

3.4 Theodore Drive

Mayor Lauretti continued, we talked about Theodore, and we probably should get the pipe and drainage evaluated by the City Engineer and have him give his recommendation. The jersey barriers should come out of there.

Alderman Olin stated that this will be referred to the City Engineer for his review and recommendation by the next meeting.

3.5 Pine Rock Park Fire Department

Alderman Kudej explained that it is concave in front of the driveway – there is a depression that fills up with water like a small pond in the front.

Mr. Mooney stated that he has been there during a rainstorm and there is a narrow strip of about 5-6 inches in front of the sidewalk. There has been a heave and nothing should be done until all the frost is over with. That is part of the road that is going to be resurfaced.

Mr. Mooney stated, if it's ponding up because of frost heave, we don't have asphalt available to us in the winter. Cold patch is too porous for anyplace that somebody is going to walk. The road surface itself is in good shape.

Mayor Lauretti stated, when we start our road program, the lower portion of Long Hill Avenue from the firehouse down is going to be done, so if there's an issue there with the firehouse and ponding, it will be addressed at that time.

3.5 Roberts Street

Mr. Mooney explained that we are well aware of Roberts Street – that had been designed in when the two houses were built there. Someone, during the

inspection or building process, let the builder off the hook and told them they didn't have to put the drainage in. There are some small problems there. There is a sanitary line from the condos up the hill to Fort Hill and ties into the sewer line there. Mr. Kulacz has commented that there has to be some reshaping of the road. That is what is going to happen there.

Mayor Lauretti stated, it should be mid-to-late summer before we get to that.

3.7 River view Avenue

Mr. Mooney stated, Mr. Kulacz has a sketch attached suggesting a wall. The house that was on the lot above that has been taken down. There is a very large tree involved as well – it may have been taken down.

Mayor Lauretti asked, how many lineal feet of road has to be widened?

Mr. Mooney replied, a couple of hundred feet. Bob is suggesting a retaining wall. Elevation-wise it looks to be about five feet high. You'll have to either slope back into the property or provide some kind of retention there.

Alderman Olin asked Mr. Mooney if he'd take a look at it. Mr. Mooney agreed.

Mayor Lauretti suggested that the Committee send the City Engineer Mr. Kulacz a memo stating that we want to know what all of the details are – is there an easement required – ask him to give us the actual square footage of road reconstruction that he thinks has to take place – lineal feet and width as well. I don't know if there are any utilities – telephone poles – that have to be relocated.

Mayor Lauretti stated, from my standpoint, we should get the drainage issues taken care of first, and then Plaskon as soon as the asphalt plants open up. Pine Rock Park Firehouse will be taken care of when lower Long Hill Avenue is taken care of. That is another issue to ask Bob Kulacz to total up for us – the estimates of what needs to be done. He may already have done these estimations.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think when we meet again we'll have a better handle, time-wise, for the majority of these projects. In addition, we're all out of money in the Road Account. The new appropriation doesn't start until July 1. I will ask the Aldermen to bond \$50,000 to \$75,000 worth of road repair money that will come into our \$1.6 million yearly appropriation for bonding. We've got to bond for the football field, as we said we would do, and replenish that money into the Technology Account – that's \$425,000 – and that leaves about another \$150,000

available, some of which really should go toward the roads so we can get an early start on our roads and not wait until July.

He continued, we also are going to be asking for a couple more pieces of equipment for the Highway Department. We'll ask to bond for two big trucks out of the \$1.6 million allotment, by Charter. I'm going to ask to increase the Highways Vehicle Fund Account. I've asked for \$150,000, but I may have to go to \$200,000. I'll have all of that figured out in the next couple of weeks.

Reports

No reports were made this evening.

- A. Director of Public Works
- B. Superintendent of Highways and Bridges
- C. City Engineer
- D. Street Committee Members

Adjournment

At approximately 8 p.m., Alderman Minotti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Regan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen