



Board of Aldermen Shelton, Connecticut

STREET COMMITTEE – MARCH 7, 2006

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Olin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call - Street Committee

Alderman Kenneth Olin, Chairman – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Randy York – present

Also in attendance: Bill Mooney – Director, Highways & Bridges

No one spoke at the public portion

Approval of Minutes

1. **Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 5, 2006 Street Committee Meeting. Seconded by Alderman York. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.**

New Business

2.1 PROPOSED SALE OF STATE LAND – FILE NO. 126-000-23A

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board per the recommendation of the City Engineer to show a non-interest in acquiring the property offered by the State of Connecticut located at the intersection of Platt Road and Bridgeport Ave. State file no. 126-000-23A.

Alderman York felt that this was a vital piece of land located this intersection and thought the City may have some use for it in the future. This is a bad intersection that shouldn't be developed any further. Both Aldermen Kudej and Olin concurred with this recommendation.

Alderman York moved to amend the motion that the proposed sale of state land at the intersection of Platt Road and Bridgeport Ave. be forwarded to Planning &

Zoning for an 8-24 referral. Seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

2.2 CURB REPLACEMENT

Mr. Mooney reported that the Highways & Bridges Dept. keeps a "book" of all the curb replacements that need to be done and sign off on them when complete. It is still too cold for the asphalt plants to start up again for the summer. Once they are open they will begin repairs.

2.3 School Street – Bad Conditions

There was discussion about what to do with this problem. Bill Mooney stated that they know they have a problem. It is compounded by the people that drain the water off their property into the street. There is also some of the hardest ledge in Shelton on that street. He has been discussing solutions to this problem with the Mayor. Mr. Mooney suggested changing the ordinance that disallows people from discharging water from their yard, sub-pumps or wherever into the road. There is no "teeth" in the ordinance, no penalty for doing this. We can go out and plug it and it only makes the people very angry. It will probably require blasting to fix. Mr. Mooney has met with Mr. Kulacz and Mayor Lauretti to discuss this. Mr. Kulacz has been directed to start a project on this prior to this meeting.

Alderman Kudej stated that the people compound the problem by dumping the water and when it freezes complain about it.

2.4 Beardsley Road – Drainage Issue

Mr. Mooney stated that this is similar to the problem on School Street. This comes down by Nicholdale. This area was developed by Gene Blakeman and at the time he developed that property there was and is still a bond requirement for them to put drainage in on that portion from Nicholdale and just shy of Perch. I has never been done. There has been a letter sent within the past two weeks that his bond will be pulled if he doesn't perform. There is one house at 92 or 94 that is pumping water out to the road we've plugged him a couple of times, within a few days the people have unplugged them. There is no disciplinary action to stop people. This is being taking care of.

2.5 Meghan Lane – Drainage Issue

Alderman Kudej stated that they had received an email from Alderman Panek and Bobby Jo Deal of 31 Meghan Lane. He asked Mr. Mooney go review the situation and possible fill in the area once the asphalt plants are open. Mr. Mooney stated

that he would review the site but nothing can be done until the asphalt plants open.

2.6 Booth Hill Road

Alderman Olin stated that he would call and visit Linda _____. He stated that maybe we need to contact the Town manager of Trumbull. The Aldermen and Mr. Mooney discussed who was responsible for plowing the borders of the city. Mr. Mooney replied that each town has an agreement that the other will go through to the next turn around. There should be no problem with the plowing. Mr. Mooney stated that the icing problem on Booth Hill Road was probably related to the new houses that were built and the drainage that comes off these properties and across the road. Mr. Mooney will go out to review the area.

2.7 #11 Dexter Drive

Alderman Olin stated that he went to review the area. All the water drains off across the road and it becomes an ice pond. Also, the plows go by and dig up the end of his driveway. Mr. Mooney stated that he will place him on the list for review and possible action.

2.8 49 Whitewood Drive

Mr. Mooney stated that he had been to look at this and patched the area in the fall. This is dated October. Alderman Olin will contact the resident to confirm that it is complete.

2.9 Poplar Drive

Alderman Olin asked Mr. Mooney to review the road because Jack Gallagher has complained that the road is deteriorating. Mr. Mooney will review but doesn't think that it is on the list for resurfacing this year.

2.10 Request for turn signal – Nells Rock Road

Alderman Kudej moved to forward this request for turn signal to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman York. The motion passed 3-0.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Glendale Terrace

Alderman Kudej stated that this is another road that needs to be totally resurfaced. It has been discussed for a couple of years. Alderman Olin asked Mr. Mooney to go review the street. Mr. Mooney stated that for resurfacing the Aldermen will need to come up with some money. Mr. Mooney stated that this street would get some attention this year. Alderman Olin noted that the storm drains are sinking. Mr. Mooney replied that it was the road heaving.

Alderman Kudej discussed the manhole covers across from Riverview Park that disturbs a resident every time a truck hits it. He requested that Mr. Mooney put silicone or anything to lessen the noise. Mr. Mooney replied that both of the manhole covers have had a rubber gasket installed. The resident, Tom Sym and myself stood down there listening to them last fall. These are brand new covers that the state put in when they resurfaced Howe Ave. There is a lot of embossing on these and that is what makes the noise when the trucks and cars go over them. These covers need to be identified. The covers are not moving. This is a state road.

Alderman York asked the Aldermen if they would be interested in looking at some information for the Plan Update. There are some issues in the plan regarding streets and street design. Alderman York asked if the Committee would like to consider placing this on a future agenda for discussion. As a representative of the Street Committee she feels that it is an opportunity for us to tell what we want the streets to look like in Shelton.

Alderman Kudej stated that he has always felt that Planning & Zoning should mandate that for the new developments, the streets, drainage, and curbing be included in the design.

Alderman York stated that there are a lot of new designs for sub divisions that they could discuss.

Alderman Olin stated that we should be forcing the builders to do the job, like putting in proper drainage, before releasing the bond.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:45 p.m., Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn;
SECONDED by Alderman York. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION
PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen