

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN*****STREET COMMITTEE MEETING*****TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005****7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104****SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT****AGENDA**

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**◆ CALL OF THE MEETING****◆ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****◆ PUBLIC PORTION****◆ CORRESPONDENCE****◆ AGENDA ITEMS****1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL****1.1 REGULAR MEETING – JULY 5, 2005****2. NEW BUSINESS****2.1 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT – 303 CORAM AVE.****2.2 2 APPLEWOOD DRIVE – DRAINAGE ISSUE****2.3 PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF OPEN SPACE – TURKEY HILL ESTATES –  
BUDDINGTON ROAD****2.4 33 MURPHY'S LANE – CONSERVATION EASEMENT****2.5 720 HOWE AVE. – MANHOLE COVERS****2.6 171 MEADOW STREET – DRAINAGE ISSUE****2.7 REQUEST FOR PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE – SCENIC LANE ESTATES  
SUBDIVISION****3.0 OLD BUSINESS****3.1 182 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD****3.2 REALIGNMENT OF BUDDINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION AT HUNTINGTON  
STREET****3.3 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD REHABILITATION BETWEEN SHORT STREET AND  
SAWMILL CITY ROAD****REPORTS OF:****A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS****B. DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES****C. CITY ENGINEER****D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS****ADJOURNMENT**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2005 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING.



Board of Aldermen  
Shelton, Connecticut

***STREET COMMITTEE - JULY 5, 2005***

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**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Alderman Olin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Lynne Farrell – present

Administration:

Bill Mooney – Highway & Bridges  
Chief Voccola – Police Department  
Robert Kulacz – City Engineer  
Alderman Nancy Minotti  
Alderman John Papa

Alderman Olin opened the meeting to the public.

**Public Portion:**

Nancy Minotti, 246 Aspetuck Trail, 1st Ward Alderman

I have a constituent who is concerned about having no sidewalks on East Village Road. Now that they are going to start doing some construction up there she was wondering if they could put some sidewalks in. She has a young daughter she has to meet to walk with her because she is afraid she will be hit by a car. She asked if I would at least propose it.

Bradley Wells, 50 Mohegan Road and 484 Walnut Tree Hill Road

As I stated earlier at the Board of Aldermen's meeting, the famous bump which the road paving is going to end just shy of the bump. I would like to urge the committee to see that the paving continues 741 additional feet to the middle of the intersection of Sawmill City Road and Walnut Tree Hill Road. I've done some preliminary estimates and the cost of the materials is under \$30,000. I think I could knock the job out myself with my men in just two days but I would love to see the work done. I am willing to give slopage rights, I'll sign off on it right now. To get Tom Welch to do it and it'll be done. My neighbor across the street Joey Braise says that 2 or 3 times per evening in the middle of the night cars are sailing over that bump. I know that the speed may increase on that road. That's ok, that's a fact of life. That is a main thoroughfare. I think the leveling of that bump will be a great improvement for that road. I do believe my neighbor will be here, he may be late, he's a contractor. He said he would be willing to issue slopage rights as well on his side to cut the curve back. There is a curve that ends at Mrs. Olin's property on the corner and stops just short of his property. The pole is several feet back and doesn't need to be moved to enhance the sightline or to change the grade or anything. Just minimal grading, rip the asphalt, fill the backside of the bump. My children will be waiting at a bus stop which is approximately give or take 125- 145 feet from the centerline of that bump going down the hill. I think it's a hazard. I would really like to see the town engineer evaluate this request and hopefully we can get that fixed up. Thank You.

Guy Holland, 18 Brookwood Lane

I would just like to side here with Brad. I have three children who have to utilize the bus stop at the end of Brookwood Lane and also at the end of Sawmill City, I personally walk my dog daily between those two intersections. I know how dangerous it is. There is nowhere to go if a car let alone two cars are coming in opposite directions. If we could extend that the small distance so that those of us in the local area can get the benefit of the improved highway and not just have it stop at Short Street. I think it would be shortsighted at this time to do that. Thank You.

Gary Will, 31 Sawmill City Road

I have lived on Sawmill City Road since 1985. As a concerned taxpayer and citizen, I ask that the matter of upgrading Walnut Tree Hill Road, between Short Street and Sawmill City Road be given your proper and appropriate attention primarily for the reason of safety. I site only a common sense view of the problem. Please flatten the bump and modify the sight lines. The opportunity presents itself now. It has been in its current state for much too long. Conventional wisdom regarding that short stretch of road is that it is an accident

waiting to happen. Traffic increases on that road every year and it remains, I believe, as the only "major unimproved road having a direct link to Huntington Center with the northern sections of the City. Many sections of the road are in very poor shape.

To not recognize the opportunity now before us is to inappropriately disregard it, as the safety of motorists, and I believe that the problem will go away. It will only continue to be an unresolved road and traffic hazard that needs to be fixed. I believe every year we continue to be on borrowed time with this short stretch of road. It will remain a risk for our City each and every day until it is given due attention.

Edward Sullivan, 19 Sawmill City Road

I have lived there for 19 years and I would like to reiterate what Mr. Wells and Mr. Will and Mr. Holland have said. From a safety standpoint I think that bump should be fixed before something very bad happens. We have an opportunity now I think now is the time. Thank you.

John Papa, 29 Philip Drive. 4th Ward Alderman

I received some calls from my constituents in the area and Ken has also. I believe that this situation that probably would not have been addressed if we weren't doing work on that road in the first place from Mohegan all the way down to Short Street. Once the people in that neighborhood found out that the work was going to be done they thought it made common sense to extend that out. To try to rectify that bump that has been there for years. I think it is a good idea and I would like to have the City Engineer and the Director of Highways & Bridges at least look at it and see if there is any way that they could fill in that bump, level it off and make it safe. Do what ever you have to do. Possibly Chief Voccola could look at it. See the issues that we might have had over the years. There might have been accidents, I don't know. I think its something we should look into. Since we are in the area its time to look at it and get back to the Chairman of the Street Committee.

Gary Will cont.

I just want to comment that it might be more of a drop than a bump because it really is not a level road that has a hump in it. It has a severe drop in the road going northbound.

Chief Robert Voccola, Shelton Police Department

I did get an invitation to attend this meeting and to discuss the safety issues on this street. I went into my computer and over the past five years there have only been three accidents on this street. Relatively speaking it's a pretty safe area. I

hear you speaking about school children waiting for the bus, the lay of the land and the way the road is constructed, which is beyond my deal. I don't handle things of that nature. I will say that we are trying to make every street as safe as we can so that everyone can drive through and go to school safely. I met with the city engineer today, Bob Kulacz, and I'm sure that he will enlighten us as to what he feels should be done.

Close the Public Portion at 7:12 pm

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 2005 Street Committee Meeting. Seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

### **New Business**

2. Rehabilitation of Walnut Tree Hill Road between Short Street & Sawmill City Road

Robert Kulacz, City Engineer, City of Shelton

I did get the note with regards to this section of Walnut Tree Hill Road. Unfortunately to get it done as part of this construction project I don't see that as a reality. We are advertising the project next week for bids and there is no way that we can feasibly have this ready in time for the contractor to be handling this in August. This is a long-term project with regards to the existing conditions between Brookwood and Sawmill City. The pavement width, the narrowest point is about 16 feet in width. The road is relatively flat until we come to that drop off where we have a 12 % abrupt change in grade. There is no vertical curve. Basically to take care of the situation here, we would like to widen it to 22 feet, that's the minimum recommended pavement that we are dealing with in the other sections of Walnut Tree Hill Road between Short Street & Mohegan. In order to accomplish this project it needs to be designed, whether contractor or Highways & Bridges personnel construct it. We have to get a utility pole relocated. And in order to widen it to the minimum 22 feet it's going to have to be relocated. Number 2 we have to acquire strips of property from 2 Brookwood Lane and 481 Walnut Tree Hill Road. We want to have roughly between 2- 5 feet between the edge of the pavement and the street line. We don't have very good survey information so we will probably will also get a surveyor to formally establish the property lines because we do need land in order to widen this road and also take necessary slope rights. If we are going to be filling a significant amount of fill its going to have to go onto the property at 481 Walnut Tree Hill Road and along with the stonewall fence that will have to

be reconstructed. Basically we are probably looking at 3,4,5 feet of fill in some areas a minimum because what we are going to try and do is extend that drop so instead of carrying it over a 75 foot length we're going to try and lengthen it out to 125-150 feet and try to put a curve in the road so that we don't have that abrupt drop. So again, this is nothing we can do overnight. We can certainly design this at the end of the construction season for implementation by possibly over the winter by highway forces or by contract in the spring of 2006. It can be done but unfortunately we wouldn't be able to meet the hopes of the residents to get it done with this project. We are stopping at Short Street with the pavement rehabilitation. If we do another project next year there is no reason that this short section can't be included as part of the pavement rehabilitation as an add on, as we have done on other projects. This year we're doing this long section of Walnut Tree Hill Road and also a short section of Meadow Street between house number 1 51 and Meadow ridge Road. I would saw that next year we could make arrangements to have this implemented but unfortunately I don't see this a reality for this construction season.

Alderman Olin asked what would you need to start money wise?

Mr. Kulacz responded that it is time wise right now. Right now we are in the midst of getting the project out to bid, finishing up the plans and specs and we have a couple of other projects on the way. Dollar amount would be for land surveying services. But I won't know what that's going need until we start looking at the project and what the effects on the private properties are going to be. Another thing is having the utility pole relocated. I don't see that happening for 2-3 months. The utility companies have downsized and to get anything implemented for pole relocation you have to plan several months in advance to take care of these issues. If you do move the pole and there isn't enough room you have to get an ariel trespass from number 2 Brookwood and 481 Walnut Tree Hill Road to do the widening and necessary improvements. Like I say, if our office is authorized to start the project we can start maybe mid to late summer. I don't see us getting everything in place. As long as everybody voluntarily grants the necessary land rights and slope rights we should be able to have something ready for the spring of 2006.

Alderman Olin stated that after talking to Mr. Wells and his neighbors, I believe that the slope rights they'll give you. I believe that 2 Brookwood Lane will give you property or sell it to you.

Mr. Kulacz replied that he would have to design a full set of plans and people might not like what they see when they see the slope rights. We are going to try and reduce the impact on properties but with something like that...

Alderman Olin asked when he would have that ready.

Mr. Kulacz replied that when he is given the go ahead we would start work. We have a couple of projects on the board now. I don't see us starting anything to get any preliminary designs until the end of the summer. Right now we are in the midst of getting the project out to bid, we'll be advertising next week. We have several other projects on the boards that we're working with. If the administration decides to change priorities on projects we'll address it accordingly. I don't see this being included as part of the project this summer. If you just want to pave over it, we can include it for pavement. But to have reconstruction and realignment you're not going to have it ready by the contractor comes in August or early September.

Alderman Olin asked so if you couldn't get in now when is your best guesstimate of when it would start, next year?

Mr. Kulacz replied that this is something that we would normally design over the fall/winter season and have it go out to bid in early spring or if the highway department is assigned the task. Maybe they could work on it over the winter. I don't know what their workload is. I don't know what their priorities are or whets been decided to be done in house or out to bid. We can certainly handle the design in house. It's not a major project but time wise you have to do cross sections and profiles and we're going to need an outside surveyor because we don't have any real control points out here because its a rural characteristics and there are no monuments. It's an old road and the layout is based on stonewall fences and other data that they are able to locate.

Alderman Olin asked if we can't do it now, what kind of guarantee can we give these people that yes it will be done.

Mr. Kulacz replied that he is given the project by the Mayor of the Director of Public Works. If I am given the project, we'll do it. We don't set the priorities list. We have to be assigned by the Mayor.

Alderman Papa stated that maybe a letter should be sent to the Mayor stating that the meeting was held and asks that he give direction to Mr. Kulacz to start design.

Mr. Kulacz and Alderman Papa carried on a conversation of what would be required.

Mr. Kulacz stated that it could be designed in the fall/winter and that it certainly could be ready for spring construction.

Alderman Papa stated that was a start.



Alderman Olin stated that he and Alderman Papa would take this up with the Mayor.

Alderman Olin addressed the residents of that area that they would work on getting the Mayor's permission to start it and try to get it done for the people. It seems that all of you are willing to give slope rights *including* 2 Brookwood Lane. I don't think that will be a problem. We need to get the Mayor's permission to start it. I will have the clerk contact you.

## **2.2 Request to Release Maintenance Surety - Cedar Hill Estates, Cedarwood Lane**

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board per the recommendation of the city engineer to release the maintenance surety of \$11,500.00 subject to the following conditions:

- Concurrence from wetlands coordinator that lands adjacent to the regulated areas and storm water plunge pools are in satisfactory condition

Seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

## **Old Business**

### **3.1 Curb Replacement**

Alderman Olin questioned Mr. Mooney about the curbs that were broken on Cali Drive. He wants to know who is responsible for replacing the curbs there. Mr. Kulacz stated that he would check on it.

Mr. Mooney replied that this was an ongoing list.

### **3.2 Update - Elm, Monroe and Madison Streets**

Alderman Kudej asked how they were making out with this project. Mr. Mooney replied that the job would be started on Thursday.

Alderman Olin asked Mr. Mooney if he had anything to report. No reports.

Alderman Asked Mr. Kulacz if had anything to report. No Reports

## **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Brigitte Plucienik**

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT – 303 CORAM AVENUE**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE THE SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT OF \$1,612.50 TO STEPHEN RABEL OF 303 CORAM AVE., PER ORDINANCE NO. 465 WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM ENGINEERING ACCOUNT 001-3600-713.80-43.**

**2.2 2 APPLEWOOD DRIVE – DRAINAGE ISSUE**

**DISCUSSION – LETTER ATTACHED**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS  
AND BRIDGES AND THE CITY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND  
RECOMMENDATION.**

**2.3 PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF OPEN SPACE – TURKEY HILL  
ESTATES – BUDDINGTON ROAD**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PER  
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & ZONING  
COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF OPEN  
SPACE, AT TURKEY HILL ESTATES, TOTALING 4.16 ACRES TO THE  
CITY OF SHELTON.**

**2.4 33 MURPHY'S WAY – CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

**DISCUSSION**

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION FOR AN 8-24 APPROVAL.**

**2.5 720 HOWE AVE. – MANHOLE COVERS**

**DISCUSSION**

**MOVE TO forward to HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES AND TOM SYM FOR  
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

**2.6 171 MEADOW STREET – DRAINAGE ISSUE**

**DISCUSSION**

**MEMO FROM THE CITY ENGINEER**



**2.7 REQUEST FOR PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE – SCENIC LANE  
ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMAN PER  
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE \$17,000.00  
PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SCENIC LANE ESTATES SUBDIVISION  
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACCEPTING THE  
EXTENSION OF LANE STREET FROM THE FORMER  
PAVED DEAD END, SOUTHERLY TO THE NEW CUL-DE-  
SAC, 295 FEET;**
- 2. THE DEVELOPER POSTING A MAINTENANCE SURETY  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE  
YEAR, AND**
- 3. THE DEVELOPER SHALL CLEAN ALL CATCH BASIN  
SUMPS**

**3.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 182 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
FOR AN 8-24 REFERRAL**

**3.2 REALIGNMENT OF BUDDINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION AT HUNTINGTON STREET.**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO APPROVE THE REALIGNMENT OF BUDDINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION AT HUNTINGTON STREET WITH THE NEW "T" INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT.**

**3.3 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD REHABILITATION BETWEEN SHORT STREET AND SAWMILL CITY ROAD**

**UPDATE - THE CITY ENGINEER HAS THIS SCHEDULED AS A WINTER PROJECT WITH WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN THE SPRING OF 2006.**

**NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME**