

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010  
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104  
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT  
*MINUTES***

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- **CALL OF THE MEETING**

Alderman McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in room 104 at Shelton City Hall.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- **ROLL CALL**

ALDERMAN MCPHERSON, CHAIRMAN, PRESENT  
ALDERMAN KUDEJ, PRESENT  
ALDERMAN FARRELL, PRESENT

Others in Attendance

Paul DiMauro, Director of Public Works  
Steve Bellis  
Jim Swift  
Joseph Knapik, 32 Stonewall Lane

Alderman McPherson made a motion to add on item 2.5 Huntington Street/Buddington Road to the Agenda.  
The Motion was second by Alderman Kudej.  
Motion Carries 3-0

- **PUBLIC PORTION**

Alderman McPherson invited Mr. Bellis to come up and address the committee.

Mr. Bellis is representing the builders for the subdivision that will be discussed in 2.5 (part of his dialogue is inaudible).

Mr. Bellis: Buddington Road and Huntington Street. And one of those things included a little drainage and removing those two telephone poles or utility poles. Since that time the city has gone in and put a sidewalk along Huntington Street and that area. And they put in the drainage already that we were supposed to do. So when I spoke to the Planning and Zoning Commission, he said why don't you go to the street committee because the city has been wanting to remove the island that is there at the intersection of Huntington Street and Buddington Road. So he said to approach you gentleman. So we are proposing we will do all that work, wait let me back up. I spoke with someone in the City Engineer's Office, they had done some preliminary drawings where they had, preliminary sketches of removing the island and putting some curbs in and making it what we call a T intersection. So the proposal that we are making and was Rick's suggestion is that Blakeman Construction would do the removal of the island, put in the new curbing and make a T intersection at no cost to the city. That would be done as one of the conditions of approval for their subdivision instead of moving back the two telephone poles and putting in the drainage. I talked to the Mayor and the Mayor said that I should present it to you guys on the Street Committee and details should be worked out with Paul DiMauro.

Mr. DiMauro: Certainly its one of the things we like to do with these old intersections where we have had obstructions put in the center of, to eliminate a lot of confusion with drivers pulling into the wrong side of it. Can you pull on the right side of it, can you pull on the left side of it? Its been like that forever, but its not a good way to do it. The intersection would be a lot safer this way.

Alderman Farrell commented that the committee had talked about doing this a long time ago, it was something they wanted to do, but it never got done. She expressed that there has been concern about electricity or some other wires that were underneath it and that's why it couldn't be done before.

Mr. DiMauro said there would not be a problem with anything running under the ground, the island could still be removed, it would not interfere.

Mr. DiMauro and Mr. Swift discuss some of the logistics in placing the curbing, avoiding the sidewalk, and whether or not guardrails may be needed in areas. The tape is pretty muffled.

UI should be notified at the poles there are two close to the road, and they are the one who put them in. It is UI's responsibility to move them.

Mr. DiMauro expresses that this is a good trade off.

Alderman Farrell asked what has brought this to our attention now?

Mr. DiMauro answers that Rick Schultz said to them the city has already done the work that you were supposed to do, the poles are not our highest priority, this would be more important. Mr. DiMauro is in favor of the trade off. He would recommend it to the full board for approval.

The Alderman concur it is a good idea. During 2.5 they will be able to make a motion.

Joseph Knapik of 32 Stonewall Lane addresses the committee.

Mr. Knapik: What I have to say goes way back. Way back in time, maybe dinosaurs were roaming the earth at the time. This goes back to the year 2008-2009. One of our illustrious Highways and Bridges plowman ripped the hell out of Stonewall Lane two-tenths of a mile long. I went to the city and talked to Sandy Nesteriak and she took care of 50% of the problem. Some of the problems still exist. So I came to a Street Committee meeting. And then Alderman Olin didn't believe the situation I was speaking about did, in fact, exist. So my way of thinking is, well gee would I come to a meeting and speak publicly to make a fool of myself about situations that don't exist. So Alderman Kudej and then Alderman Olin volunteered to come to Stonewall Lane and look at the damage. One missing curb at the intersection of Stonewall Lane and Fieldstone Drive, there is some road re-curbings that exists but has no foundation and no attachment to the road, its just there that's about it at Stonewall Lane and Saw Mill City Road. So I showed these two

problems to Alderman Kudej and Alderman Olin and they said they would add it to a priority list, here we are September 2010 and it is still on the priority list, hasn't been done yet. These repairs are from 2008-2009, so once again I ask that this committee to do what they need to do to repair these two relatively minor situations. I think, from my point of view, on my street, city damages and a poor delivery of city services. If I were an Alderman, and in charge in some way of the situation, I would be ashamed. This is a disgrace to come and see something and let it go for this amount of time, something that is relatively small and not fix it. So ladies and gentleman will you fix it? Thank you.

Mr. DiMauro: I would like to interject one thing. First of all I believe Alderman Kudej pronounces his name Kudej (Mr. Knapik was pronouncing it incorrectly) so far the record lets correct his name spelling because that is important to any individual how his name is spelt. So with that being said, you yourself said that it was minor, I will check this out, come out and look at it myself. I will come look at it and report back to these guys.

Mr. Knapik attempts to interrupt.

Mr. DiMauro: May I continue? You spoke and I didn't interrupt you once. If there is currently curb that needs to be replaced to prevent water from going into a household, that is going to be done first. Something that is done for sight purposes will be done later on down the road. I don't know why this wasn't fixed in '08 or '09, I wasn't involved in the day to day. Nor do Alderman in the position, in the defense of them, to order administratively functions like that. Their only power is here to give the money to do the job. If something fell down it was within the department, I will take a look at it myself, I will look at it personally and schedule some sort (inaudible) and get to it in a timely manner with like projects of that nature.

Mr. Knapik: You have said all this before.

Mr. DiMauro: I have not. I wasn't here.

Mr. Knapik: You were involved in it before.

Mr. DiMauro: I was not, not in the day to day.

There are voices all talking over one another, the rest of the dialogue is inaudible.

Alderman McPherson gathers order: Thank you, he will look at it and he will get back to you, and be true to his word.

Mr. DiMauro: I will let you know if it is going to be done or not going to be done this year.

Mr. Knapik continues yelling at the committee regarding coming back and writing letters but it is inaudible over the multiple voices.

Alderman McPherson: Order! Order! Let him have the opportunity to go look at, he will go out and update the committee at all.

Mr. Knapik: When will he update at the next meeting?

Alderman McPherson: I will get an update prior to that.

Mr. DiMauro: If you give your contact information to the secretary I will call you with an update.

## **1.1 Approval of August Minutes**

Alderman McPherson moved to waive the reading of and approve the Street Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2010.

The motion was second by Alderman Kudej.

Motion Carries 3-0.

## **2. New Business**

**2.1 SIDEWALK (IN FRONT OF MR. BUTTS)**

**2.2 SIDEWALKS – CENTER STREET**

**2.3 321 MOHEGAN STREET**

**2.4 STORM DRAINS – PINE ROCK PARK**

All Items were talked about in one shot. The sidewalks need to be repaired. The will all be addressed.

There are 4 areas of concern in Pine Rock Park, Mr. DiMauro said 3 had already been taken care of and the 4<sup>th</sup> would be soon.

## **2.5 Huntington Street/Buddington Rd**

Alderman McPherson made a motion authorize Mr. DiMauro to work with Mr. Swift in regard to the removal of the island located at the intersection of Buddington Road and Huntington Street and lighting a portion of Huntington Street in lieu of reimbursing the City for drains the City performed and relocation of two utility posts.

The motion was second by Alderman Kudej.

Motion Carries 3-0

## **3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 GROVE STREET WATER PROBLEM UPDATE**

**3.2 BLACK HILLS ROAD UPDATE**

**3.3 GUARD RAILS AT OLD BRIDGEPORT AVENUE UPDATE**

**3.4 LOWER WHITE STREET BY LUTHER'S GARAGE UPDATE**

**3.5 BELMONT AVENUE UPDATE**

**3.6 WOONSOCKET AVENUE UPDATE**

**3.7 SIDEWALKS – UPDATE**

**3.8 2.8 CATCH BASIN – 52 STENDAHL DRIVE UPDATE**

These are all already on the list., Mr. DiMauro will address in his report about the list he wants to compile so the committee can see what is done and what still needs to be done. But all of these are on the list to be completed. Hopefully there will be enough money to complete some of them this year as much of the budget has been depleted already.

There is another subdivision that want to go in near Belmont and hopefully they can work fixing that street into the components of subdivision approval. Right now, Belmont is on the back burner.

## **Reports**

Mr. DiMauro gives his reports. Much of the money in the budget has already been used to do the road repaving in White Hills down East Village to Longfellow. It is ripped up, milled, and will be paved in its entirety including curbing. Better than half the money that they had this year went to that one road. Roberts street will be done 110 to 108 as

long as there is sufficient funds left in the account. Some chip sealing will be done this year.

Mr. DiMauro is working on a list to give to the committee of items accomplished this year and items that still need to be done. The new milling machine so the city can patch and pave in house was received and training will begin next week for employees. This will save money and fix roads more quickly in the long run.

### **Adjournment**

Alderman Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second by Alderman Kudej. Motion carries 3-0.

Meeting Adjourns at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allyson Burke, Clerk