

**Special  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

***STREET COMMITTEE MEETING***

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005**

**5:00 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 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

2.1 **33 MURPHY'S LANE – CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

3.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

3.1 **OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND – CORNER OF LONG HILL AVE. & LONG HILL  
CROSS ROADS (SOSENKO FAMILY)**

3.2 **PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE – SCENIC LANE ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

**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 September 6, 2005 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING.



Board of Aldermen  
Shelton, Connecticut

***STREET COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 6,  
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  
Alderman Joe Lanzi

Alderman Olin opened the meeting to the public.

**Public Portion:**

Alderman Joseph Lanzi

Alderman Lanzi stated that he drove through Applewood Drive today and an excellent job was done with just a little work still to be completed and he complimented Mr. Mooney and his crew for doing an excellent job on that. I didn't realize it was already done. The job is already done. He also gave credit to Mr. Mooney for the work he has done on Elm Street, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe. Excellent work.

He presented a letter from Mr. Buckenmaier, 149 Long Hill Ave.

*It was a pleasure to speak with you on the phone the other day. Here is a written description of the problems around 149 Long Hill Ave. that we discussed.*

*The sand buildup on the sides of the street has reached the point where it is causing serious problems for my lawn and is a nuisance. I have had no luck in getting the Public Works department to address this situation.*

*There is a vehicle parked off the street on the other side with extensive trash around it. There used to be a different vehicle there, which I believe the Zoning Department had removed, but the trash is still there.*

*The route 8 embankment on the other side of the road is covered with trash and debris. Additionally, over two years ago a large branch fell out of one of the trees on the embankment and severely damaged the fence at the base. The damage has never been fixed.*

*There has been extensive graffiti on the route 8 underpass for almost 2 years now.*

*Any help you could offer in getting these problems resolved would be greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely  
Bruce Buckenmaier  
203-952-3645*

I think that some of the problems are state highway problems. I have a small problem here for Mr. Mooney, Dick Hubbell on Westminster, last winter one of the snowplows knocked the curb into his lawn. Please add this to your list.

Alderman Olin Closed the Public Portion at 7:05 pm.

Alderman Olin moved to add the following items to the agenda; 2.8 Tree Stump – Prospect Ave.; 2.9 Winfield Drive Deteriorating pavement; Seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 5, 2005 Street Committee Meeting. Seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

### **New Business**

- 2.1 Sidewalk Reimbursement – 303 Coram Ave.

Alderman Olin moved 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 # 465 with funding to come from engineering account 001-3600-713.80-43; Seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

## **2.2 2 Applewood Drive – Drainage issue**

Alderman Olin stated that this is completed. No action required.

## **2.3 Proposed Conveyance of Open Space – Turkey Hill Estates – Buddington Road**

Alderman Olin moved 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; Seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

## **2.4 33 Murphy's Way – Conservation Easement**

Alderman Olin moved to forward to the Planning & Zoning for an 8-24 referral; Seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0

## **2.5 720 Howe Ave. – Manhole Covers**

Mr. Mooney stated that the covers are not loose. We stood there and listened to them. Mr. Sym is going to look into finding a manhole cover that doesn't have a heavy tread. It is a noise problem but Tome is looking into new manhole covers. No Action – send reminder to Mr. Sym.

## **2.6 171 Meadow Street – Drainage issue**

Discussion. Alderman Olin asked Mr. Mooney for input. He explained that there was a connection at one time but that it had been removed a year ago when we redid all of the basins. If you have been on that portion of Meadow Street, you'll see that there are a set of Double T basins. Alderman Olin asked; are these just going from side to another of the road? Alderman Olin stated that the City Engineer had stated that this couldn't be done. It's unnecessary.

## **2.7 Request for performance Bond Release – Scenic Lane Estates Subdivision**

Alderman Olin moved 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

Discussion: Mr. Mooney had an objection to this. There is no way that I can see that you can accept that road. Somebody is going to be tearing that road up for the installation of water. If they do the contractor will have to be responsible for removal of snow in the winter. Mr. Kudej replied that there would be a problem with this. No second was made. No vote was taken. No Action taken. Alderman Olin stated that they will have to add that in for further discussion.

## **2.8 Tree Stump – Prospect Street**

Alderman Olin stated that right across the street the tree stump in front of Stella's house. Last year a city tree fell and not only was the tree stump not removed but the sidewalk was repaved and it was a lousy job. Alderman Olin asked the clerk to send a letter to the Tree Warden and the City Engineer requesting the removal of the tree stump and roots across the street from the Handicapped Parking at City Hall. Alderman Kudej stated that this was a safety issue.

## **2.9 Winfield Drive – Deteriorating Drive**

Alderman Olin stated that he received 2 letters regarding this. Mr. Mooney stated that this is the same thing and yes we have looked at it and if we can get to it this year we will. It depends on how the weather holds. Alderman Olin asked what can you do about it. Mr. Mooney replied that its another drainage issues. When we put the drainage in we'll stub the footing area where the people will have to pick it up. If they don't , you will lose the road again and we'll have to bring some kind of action against them. The first thing that has to be done is to put drainage in (inaudible).

Alderman Olin replies that he will call the people and explain what was going to happen.

### **3.0 Old Business**

#### **3.1 182 Walnut Tree Hill Road**

Alderman Kudej moved to forward to Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 referral; Seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

Discussion on where this is located, how the road narrows.

#### **3.2 Realignment of Buddington Road Intersection at Huntington Street.**

Alderman Kudej Moved to forward to the full board of Aldermen to approve the realignment of Buddington Road intersection at Huntington Street with the new "T" intersection alignment; Seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Olin stated that another person had hit the stone wall there again. Mr. Mooney replied that he couldn't understand that earlier this year Blakeman was going to be made to do it in conjunction with putting in that passing lane. I don't understand why he was let off the hook or anybody is left of the hook. We all know that those intersections are dangerous. That one is especially dangerous. We took care of the one where Trap Falls Ext. is and at Waverly and Booth Hill Road. All of a sudden at the end of July somebody is relieved of having the responsibility. Now its September, which doesn't give us a lot of time, all of a sudden we're going to do it and he is going to do the realignment. It should have been done a year ago. Alderman Farrell questioned how someone gets let off the hook from doing this. Mr. Mooney stated that if you lok at that type of intersection and somebody is coming from Huntington Ceneter and somebody is coming out of Buddington Road and wants to go South on Buddington Road they both have the right of way. It's a dangerous area. Alderman Olin stated that this should have been done a couple of years ago. We'll move this to the Full Board with further discussion

#### **3.3 Walnut Tree Hill Road Rehabilitation between Short Street and Saw Mill City Road**

Discussion only.

Update – The City Engineer has this scheduled as a winter project with work to be completed in the spring of 2006.

Mr.. Mooney replied that he nothing to report.

Alderman Kudej stated that he had a conversation with the Mayor with regard to Prospect Street. The road is in very sad shape from Kneen to Myrtle. He agreed with me that we should address that. Mr. Mooney replied that there wasn't time for it this year. He asked Mr. Kudej if he had been to Derby lately? Derby has bitten the bullet and started a program for full reclamation for a lot of these small roads. On a hill like that it's the only way to do it. You would have the road for 25 years or better and it will hold. Kneen Street and Mrytle is the same. Many of these streets need to be done. The Board of Aldermen need to come up with some funding. We have bonding set up for arterial roads, but those are not arterials. We need to come up with some plan to do these other roads. The right way to do them is to reclaim them. I suppose we could put some asphalt down but in a couple of years you're right back where you were. Mr. Mooney described how Cali Drive was reclaimed.

Alderman Kudej wanted to bring to the attention of everybody was with all the new building on Hillside Ave. , we haven't had any serious rain yet, but when ever we have rain there is a whole bunch of rocks and gravel that comes down that road.

Mr. Mooney replied that it was his understanding that the upper portion down to the next bend by the condo is going to be repaved in the next couple of weeks.

Alderman Kudej asked about the curb replacement and where it stands. Mr. Mooney replied that we've had to put some aside to get some of our other work completed. Alderman Kudej stated that he has been looking for through Parks & Rec. at Long Hill School in the back parking lot, the ball fields in the back, we asked if we could get curbs put in to divert the water so that it doesn't go to the field. If we could divert it to the sewer drain it would solve a lot of our problems come springtime. Everyone seems to agree with me but nothing gets done. We put in a curb at Shelton Intermediate along the walk last year. Alderman Kudej asked what he needed to do to get a curb put in? Alderman Olin replied that he should talk to the Mayor.

### **Adjournment**

At approximately 7:35 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 33 MURPHY WAY – CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT 33 MURPHY'S LANE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL DEMARCATÉ ON ITS PROPERTY MAP A MODIFIED CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA EXCLUDING THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED DRIVEWAY. SAID EASEMENT LOCATION SHALL BE JOINTLY DETERMINED BY THE OWNER AND PLANNING & ZONING STAFF WHICH WILL RESULT IN AN AREA EQUAL TO OR LARGER THAN THE CURRENT EASEMENT. A NEW CONSERVATION AGREEMENT AND MAP IDENTIFYING ALL CHANGES SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY / TOWN CLERK.**

**3.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND – CORNER OF LONG HILL AVE. & LONG HILL CROSS ROADS (SOSENKO FAMILY)**

**MOVE TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL OF THE EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF LONG HILL AVE. & LONG HILL CROSS ROADS. FURTHER THAT FUNDING SHALL COME FROM THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT 001-0100-411.30-01.**

**3.2 PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE – SCENIC LANE ESTATES**

**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:**

- 4. 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;**
- 5. THE DEVELOPER POSTING A MAINTENANCE SURETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND**
- 6. THE DEVELOPER SHALL CLEAN ALL CATCH BASIN SUMPS**