



STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

Shelton, Connecticut

OCTOBER 4, 2006

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Olin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in room 104 at Shelton City Hall. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Alderman Ken Olin - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej - present
Alderman Randy York – present

There was a quorum of 3 present, 0 absent

Public Portion

Alderman Olin asked if anyone wished to speak from the public.

Jennifer Searles, 1 Highland Ave

I live behind Grove Street By Lafayette school. On that corner there are a couple of houses who have taken down the “no Parking” this side of street signs. They are now parking 4 – 6 cars this way and up the hill to Harvard. When you go up the hill to Harvard you have to make a quick right into my driveway which we are no longer able to do. That is a tight street there. You have people parking in their driveways with their cars half hanging out and then cars along the side of the road. It’s not feasible over there. There was a “no parking” this side of street sign there, But they have taken it down. I’m assuming the people who live in the red house on Grove Street over by the Hodosies, who is our neighbor.

Alderman Kudej agreed that it is a very narrow street.

Jennifer continued; not only there but where you have the opening for Harvard Ave. and there are cars at the white house that are starting to park there. There has to be something done there. And the weeds are over grown there. I know that’s not your issue, but you can’t see the stop sign either.

Alderman Kudej asked the clerk to notify Highways and Bridges to trim the shrub around the stop sign. And forward to the Chief of Police for the replacement of the "no parking" signs

Jennifer continued: it's very narrow over there. The corner of Grove & Harvard.

Alderman Olin asked to forward this to the PH&S Committee.
Alderman York asked to make a note that...

Jennifer continued; there is limited parking over there. There is a driveway behind the red house, I don't know why they aren't parking there.

It was stated that it is a multi-family house.

There is parking but you shouldn't have 8 cars for 2 people in front of the house.

Wendy Jools, 1 Algonquin road

I am here because the roads at Pine Rock Park are atrocious. Particularly, Seneca rd and Algonquin Rd. I live on the dead end of Algonquin and the water runs down there and what has happened is that the road has deteriorated so much that it has come in 2-3 ft each side. I'm losing the front of my house. We just spent \$200.00 on Monday to put gravel up in front so that it could soak up some of the water. Its been coming in and washing away my gardens and my front walk, and it runs down the street. The block of pavement, the drain at the end of the street that has not been unplugged for about a year now and it's going to be backing up this winter. Not only that, with the new building they are putting where Masters was, there is going to be a lot of traffic there. Seneca Rd should be a one way. It should not be a 2 way, it has deteriorated too much that the hill had caved in on the road and you cannot pass 2 cars by there. People coming in and out on 110, it's a major traffic, I sit there and listen to the cars squeal at night just waiting for the crash. There is probably an accident there, if you pull the police report, at least once a month or somewhere about that.

So if you put a light at the end of Long Hill Ave., it will slow the traffic. Which probably builds up to 65mph between Constitution and Long Hill Ave.

Alderman Olin asked if she were requesting a light there?

Wendy replied; not at Seneca though but at Long Hill and River Road because...

Alderman Olin replied that they would forward this item to Public Health & safety and that it was a State Rd so the request would need to be forwarded to them.

Wendy replied that she understood that. I have requested this for several years. But now you have a restaurant there, the Timex Plaza, the new condos that have just gone in, the sports facility and now next to me you're going to have a bank with a drive thru. That is a major accident waiting to happen. Mark my words, I listen to it every single night. If you slow that traffic down at the end of Long Hill Ave. they can't build up to 65 mph coming down that hill from that point. Plus you have all the businesses from Long Hill Cross Roads. Those people all know, they come down that way, they get on 110 and they get on the Merritt Parkway. The roads in Pine rock Park have not been touched in a very long time. My street particularly, I have lived there for 28 years, never been paved. Not a pothole , nothing. So that's a long time.

Alderman Olin asked if there were potholes?

Wendy replied that the road is just decaying. It looks like a puzzle, there just all these chunks and pieces missing. There is no curb on my side in the front of my house. They did come out about ten years ago and did the lip on the driveway, but that's all they've done. It really needs to be looked at.

Alderman Olin stated that he would send a letter to Bill Mooney and that he would talk to the Mayor.

Alderman York stated that this should also be an issue for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the workshops that we're having for the 10 yr plan update. Because they are looking at the whole River road area and that is definitely a development issue.

The clerk shall forward this to Rick Shultz and ask them to put this for discussion.

Alderman Olin stated that this would be forwarded to Bill Mooney for review.

Frank Salvo, 261 Soundview Ave.

I came by last week, but nobody was here. I wanted to get a status of...I don't know if you were here last month. I have a big problem. I talked to them and they had Officer Pitak come out to do a study. The speed limit on the street is 25mph. I've been there 15 years now, the average speed is 45 mph. It

is the road between Elizabeth Shelton and Maple Ave. It's really bad. Since I've talked to them I've gotten in altercations with 3 people, who gave me the finger while I was walking there. I bought one of those little things with the flag that says slow down, and it got run over. It's getting crazy.

So I did some homework. I work out of New York and what they did there is put street humps in. I realize you have to get permission from the state. Not a problem. The thing is this, I know you can't do it everywhere, but that road is really bad. Were talking 45 and up. The thing is in NY, I know you're worried about fire trucks and plows, but if you look at the pictures. These were designed by an engineer who does work in the state of CT. I took some pictures. They keep you at 25 mph. The plow shouldn't be doing over 25 mph. They have had these for a couple of years. I drive a bucket truck and we drove over it with me on it at 25mph. It's a very mild hump. It sets them up for whatever that speed is on the road.

I'm trying to get something together. I know he did it for certain towns in CT. They said they would put a sign up to "Slow Down". If you put too many signs out then people just don't pay attention to it. Then they said they would come out and give tickets. That only helps for a while.

I realize you have to get permission from the state for the liability, but this gentleman here, it's what he does. That's what he gets paid to do. I'm at my whits end. I could get out there everyday and it's ridiculous.

Alderman Olin asked the clerk to make a note for him to talk to the Chief of Police about this and to forward a copy of these minutes to the PH&S Committee.

Discussion on how these humps were attached to the road.

Brian Belvin, 39 Hemlock Drive,

I'm back to see what the Committee has done about the two Hemlock Drives, same zip code. One off of Ripton Road and one off Fairchild Heights. I think it was you, when they associate my voter registration card. This is how they associate me. Trailer Park. Maria Belvin – 39 Hemlock Dr. Trailer Park. That's an insult. A flat out insult I get very mad when they call them trailers. Alderman Olin attempted to interject and was cut off.

Secondly, now just today I got a call from the post office, no such address. Heart medication, This is not the package, I haven't gotten it yet. It's my heart medication. This is a federally controlled, with a prescription medication that is now being delivered in the mail by the pharmacies, that are going to other people's houses. Last month I addressed the point that a lady in our units had her insulin arrive at another house.

Now had some kid opened up a vial of that insulin and even drank a third of it he would have been dead before he made it to the hospital.

A lot of people in my house, in my park, and I am going to do it, because I don't see why I need to send, paying it, gotten rid of the hard phone lines in their houses and have relied on just the cell phones. Given the choice of rather..

Alderman Olin asked; are you in the trailer park?

Mr. Belvin answered; yes, I'm in the trailer park. Of giving the choice of just a cell phone or just a hard line when you can only afford one. I'll take the cell phone. Cause you can take in anywhere. The hard line you're stuck to your house.

Alderman Olin stated; let me tell you where I've been on that. I've been down that road and this has been going on since 1994,

Someone from the audience interrupted and stated that they were there then. Mr. Belvin concurred that she was.

Alderman Olin continued; we requested all kinds of information. Number 1, I wanted to change one address or another. Whether it's 1 Hemlock Street, and give the people a choice, I don't know where that is going at this time. The other one, they stated that they straightened out the problem. But people are still complaining.

Mr. Belvin interrupted Alderman Olin.

Mr. Belvin stated; no, I filed a letter saying that they sent, saying that the 911 system was straightened out. But in January of this year my alarm went off in my house because they alarm company was actually testing the alarm and forgot to call the company and tell them they were testing it. They set off the burglary alarm which dispatched the police. The police promptly went to the wrong address.

Alderman Olin attempted to continue.

Mr Belvin continued; now had it been real or live I would....

Alderman Olin interjected; Before you get all excited. I thought that one or the other streets has to be changed. I went as far as to ask Bob Kulacz, and he looked up all the information and the trailer park was the first one that had the name Hemlock.

Mr. Belvin stated; Nothing has Fairchild Heights attached to it, not my drivers license is 39 hemlock Drive. We are not going to have Fairchild Heights or

anything attached to us. We were the first Hemlock Drive. Secondly, there is 21 residents on Hemlock, no 46 residents living at Hemlock.

Alderman Olin asked; at the trailer park?

Mr. Belvin replied; yes. 46 residents living at Hemlock.

A member of the audience spoke out stating: first of all, just so that we're all clear here, We get a little offensive when you associate us as a trailer park. It is insulting. I am president of our homeowners assoc and it definitely is insulting.

Mr. Belvin continued; yes it is kind of insulting.

Alderman Olin stated; I notice that on a letter I had from 1994...

Mr. Belvin interrupted stating; I got some letter that the 911 system was magically corrected and all that and I am now showing clean cut proof that it is not. If you take my cellular phone and dial 011 with it, it does not identify my name or my street or anything. If someone is driving down my street and see's my house burning and calls the fire dept. on their cell phone and they say 21 Hemlock Drive, the house is on fire, I'm going to go try to save some kids and throws the phone on the seat. The fire dept doesn't know which one to go to.

Alderman York asked; who is ultimately responsible for changing the street names.

Mr. Belvin replied; the city engineer.

Alderman Olin stated; the city engineer but we have...

Alderman York interrupted; here is what I see. These people have come out time after time and I haven't seen one person from the other Hemlock Drive. They need to keep their name and the other Hemlock Drive needs to change their name either to a street or a lane.

Mr. Belvin interjected; they need to change their name. Mam can I explain something to you? A month ago I came here, it cost me \$400.00 because UPS had a customer for my parts going on the a Huntington truck 3 days in a row. I had a customer who was supposed to leave Friday morning, I do honest Mobile Marine, on his boat to go to Montauk. The dock slips on his boat in Montauk for his boat is \$395.00 per day. I didn't get his parts until 8:00 Thursday night and I neded 7 hours to work on it. Now he went on Sat and

Sunday cause he delayed it. But in order to keep that dock slip he had to pay for that empty dock slip. He looked at me and I refunded his money.

Alderman York stated; you convinced me. I'm sure that people on the other Hemlock Drive are having the same problems. But the difference is that you have come out and tried to get the situation resolved. As far as I'm concerned going back to 1994, you've been active trying to get it resolved, you were first, I know that there was an issue with a vote taken and the other Hemlock ..

Mr. Belvin interrupted again; there are only 8 residences over there.

Alderman York continued; Drive refused to change their name.

Alderman Olin stated; no, this Hemlock refused to change there name. I don't think..

Mr. Belvin replied loudly; because we had it first.

Alderman Olin continued; don't get excited, we're just telling you...

Mr. Belvin interrupted; you have to realize that it's going to be time consuming and a little cost worthy for these people to change their name, deeds and stuff.

Alderman York stated; so the solution to the problem was to have them change their address?

Alderman Olin continued; my personnel feeling is, and I was about to draft a letter to those people at one time and it has to go to Public Health & Safety anyway.

Alderman York stated; I think that it has to go to the city engineer and a decision has to be made and as far as I'm concerned..

Mr. Belvin interrupted again; you're right mam, you're right.

Alderman Olin continued; Randy, here is where it stands, I want to get a letter, but I would like to clear it up with the Mayor first. Send a letter to these people, and I don't want to change, they we're first. I am going to ask the people, I want to get a meeting together, (Alderman York is trying to talk at the same time making it difficult to understand) I want to get a meeting together with all the people from the other Hemlock Drive and ask them if they want to pick out a....

Mr. Belvin stated loudly; nobody is going to want to. Nobody is going to want to. You're just going to have to do it.

Alderman Olin asked everyone to hear him out; Will you let me finish?

Alderman York made an inaudible comment.

Mr. Belvin continued loudly; she is agreeing, you're just going to have to do it.

Alderman York commented; you'll just have a battle.

Mr. Belvin continued loudly; that's all, she's right, she's agreeing, you're gonna have a fight.

Alderman Olin asked to finish; I'll give them the opportunity to change their name and if they don't, then I as the Chairman have the right to pick out a name and give them a street.

Mr. Belvin replied; to the other Hemlock Drive? Fine. If you want to do that , But I think you're going to have a fist fight with that one, cause you have to realize that deeds and mortgages have to be changed and the reason that I'm also going to gonna, and this is a very big reason, is we're a mobile home park. We have a lot of elderly people that actually some of them pick through the garbage for their dinner. Alright, they don't have two nickels in there pockets to rub. Let alone enough time or a car to be able to go to motor vehicles to do the required changes of going from ave to street. These elderly people are not going to be able to do it. On the other side, the houses out on the Hemlock off of Ripton Road are on an average of \$300,000 - \$400,000 a piece home. So if anybody is going to have the money it's going to be them. Since there is only, at last count six residents, but I believe it's eight according to

Alderman Olin replied; it's not a matter of whose got more money.

A member of the audience shouted out; the whole world is about money.

Mr. Belvin stated; Versus 49, I would say the least, the inconvenience

Alderman Olin stated; it doesn't matter we're talking about a street name.

Mr. Belvin continued; I'm just saying the fewest amount of people to be disturbed is also the best way to solve the problem.

Alderman York stated; it seems like common sense.

Mr. Belvin continued; that's 8 people versus 46. ok. So I am now getting to the point of this is changing immediately and effectively as I agree with you, because my safety, and my rights as an American citizen are compromised. My right to get my mail delivered uninhibited, my right to have credit cards not cancelled because the bill gets sent back, no such address. You know how embarrassing that is in a restaurant? My right not to have trailer park on my boater card. Alright. Just today I could give you the caller ID number to the UPS office. That may be my heart medication, and like I say God forbid, dawn's insulin, she never got it. Some of these elderly people get tons of this medication in the mail to them and they don't get it and they don't get it and they don't have phones. Or they may not be able to get to them.

An audience member stated; we're a tight community and we try to help everybody....

Alderman Olin stated; I realize that.

Alderman York injected; we need to give this gentleman as the representative for the rest of the group, because I've seen you here three times already since I've been sitting here. We need to give him a date by which this will be taken care of. I say two weeks.

Mr. Belvin loudly stated "thank you".

Alderman Olin replied; You can't do it in two weeks

Many people spoke at the same time.

Alderman York asked; what is the reasonable..

Mr. Belvin interrupted loudly; I don't want to hear 6 months, I don't want to hear a year, because the next thing I'm going to do is walk in with a lawyer.

A member of the audience yelled out. It was inaudible due to other conversations taking place.

Alderman Olin replied; I was not here in 1994.

The audience member continued; unfortunately I understand that. But it should...

Mr. Belvin interrupted; I have letters from 1994 that was brought to this meeting last month.

The clerk stated that the Street committee did not hold a meeting last month and that they must have been at the Public Health & Safety Committee meeting. This would need to go back to the PH&S Committee.

Mr. Belvin replied (looking at Alderman York); mam I'm looking at you because you're making (inaudible). Their street address has to get changed period. It's a safety issue beyond all belief and on top of it. I want my packages. I run a business that is registered with the city. We are al tax payers now because they tax us on our mobile homes to the city of Shelton, I run a legitimate business and I have deliveries to my house sometimes three , four times a day, probably \$10,000 - \$15,000 worth of goods a week come through my front porch and when I have somebody on another Hemlock Drive call me up and say I've got your packages, because my phone numbers on it, and I have to drive over there and get it. That is ridiculous. When I find my \$700.00 refrigerator that was dropped off in an abandoned house, that you could clearly tell had nobody living in it for three days. There is a contractor over there. I called him up. I got his roofing gun. I got a package here from Stanley addressed to you. He says " oh that's my roofing gun" I said what do you want to pay me to get it back? He said I'll meet you up at Ruby Tuesdays in ten minutes.

Alderman York commented; you have been more than patient with the city, more than patient.

Mr. Belvin replied; I have been, I feel I have.

Alderman York continued; so what it a reasonable deadline if a letter goes to the city engineer stating the process has to get started.

Alderman Olin replied; It needs to go to Public Health & Safety and I have to talk to ...

Mr. Belvin loudly stated; last month it should have been at PH&S.

It was explained that there was a meeting of PH&S but *not* a Street Committee meeting.

Mr. Belvin stated; I've already been to Public Health & Safety twice.

Alderman Kudej replied; it's their ballgame.

Mr. Belvin replied; they haven't done anything.

Alderman Olin replied; we'll talk to them, and then to the engineer.

Mr. Belvin continued loudly; I liked her two weeks, I really did, but I feel that by next month it should be changed. You will see me here next month.

Alderman Olin stated; I can promise you that tomorrow I'll have it done but does that mean it will be done? You can't promise until we get everything here. Randy, for a change you've got to get the other street together and give them a choice.

Alderman York stated; Here is what you can give them within two weeks. You can give them a letter that states exactly what's happening. You can put it in writing and its been forwarded to this. Here is the process, here is what is going to happen.

Mr. Belvin loudly replied; they haven't even decided whether they are going to change the name or not. The last time, the first time I came I got a letter back stating back two weeks later from the mayors office that the 911 problem had been addressed and was all solved. You're all happy as can be. Then I came back and said that's not true. Dial it on my vonage. Why did my alarm company have the police go to the wrong place?

Alderman Olin called for time to calm everyone down.

Alderman Kudej stated; we care and we sympathize with you but it has to go to the other committee and we will try to get them moving.

Mr. Belvin replied; we have to do it before I turn ninety. Because for the next step for me, I've already spoke with a lawyer on this, and he sees that there is liabilities on the City that have already been extended.

A member of the audience spoke and was inaudible.

Alderman Kudej replied; your complaint is legitimate, how fast we can get it rectified is another story.

Mr. Belvin loudly stated; I fell that letter should be sent out to the 8 members of that Hemlock that their street name is going, give them a letter stating your street name is going to be changed, it has to be changed due to safety violations and you can do this and give the 8 people a chance, street, park, lane, drive. Give them a letter and tell them to please circle the

name you like, the most ones we get we will honor. And let them send the letter back then just go upon it.

Alderman Olin commented; if you do that it will take to long. I would like to put out a letter stating I would like to have a meeting with all these people and explain it to them,

Mr. Belvin yelled; I think that is going to take longer. I'm getting affected in my business weekly on this and it's costing my money in my business weekly. I've had enough. I want my mail.

Alderman Olin replied; if you are going to yell, I'm just going to stop the meeting. Number one we don't get paid for doing this job. We're all volunteers. We will try to help you. I will go through all the channels, I will talk to the Mayor, the Chief, I'll talk to John Papa tonight when I get home.

Mr. Belvin replied; I'm sorry. I appreciate everything that you have done. I'm sorry, I'm sorry if just sat in my shoes.

Everyone was talking at once.

Alderman Olin stated; I resent it.

Alderman Kudej stated; it's frustrating on your part. This committee doesn't have that power.

Mr. Belvin stated; if you only knew what it was like when the guy at the restaurant comes back and says this card was cancelled, because I called the credit card and they say we got your bill back cause you don't live at this address, and we're only protecting our card.

Alderman York asked; why was it not explained to him the first time that he showed up that this is not the place that he should be?

Alderman Kudej and Olin stated that it was.

Mr. Belvin replied that it wasn't. they said that they would look into the matter immediately and get a response to me.

Alderman Olin replied; we forwarded it to PH&S which is our job.

Alderman York stated; I remember seeing something that we got that showed how many residents live on the other Hemlock and this one here. Where did that go?

Alderman Olin replied; I told you I am in the process, I need to talk to John Papa, PH&S, John Anglace, President , BOA, Corporation Council too.

I do believe that I did seek Council on whether this could be done.

Mr. Belvin replied; This has to be done though. It is a major issue. Not only for our residents, for their residents too.

Alderman Kudej and Olin replied; we are not arguing that with you. We agree with you.

Mr. Belvin asked; are you in charge of street signs and lights and all that? Huntington Ave. and Bpt Ave. the northbound light is out. There is a green arrow in there that when the light turns red , you get a green arrow to turn right and head down towards BPt Ave.

Alderman Olin stated; all you have to do is call...

Mr. Belvin replied; I did.

Alderman Olin asked; who did you call?

Mr. Belvin replied; I called the dept of safety, highway.,

The clerk stated that he would need to call the State DOT.

Mr. Belvin replied; yes that's who I called. It's been out for a month and a half.

Alderman Olin suggested calling Sandy, that it was Bill Mooney's dept.

Alderman Kudej reminded him that it was a state highway and that they would have to handle it.

Mr. Belvin replied; I called them a month and a half ago. It's been out for two months. It went out two years ago and it took six months and three calls from me.

Alderman Olin replied; the state doesn't react like the City.

Mr. Belvin replied; I know, but I thought you might make a note of it and make a call to the state. It would be nice to get the traffic lights working because it is a busy intersection and with proper lighting. Thanks again. She sounds like she can make something move and you definitely sound like you can make something move. We're all in agreement that the name over there has to be changed. So as long as we all agree to that then I'm going to stay calm. We'll see what happens, cause my next

step is, like I've already said is I have contacted a lawyer the only thing I haven't done is put \$1,000 in his hand and that would be my next step. I don't want to do that. I don't want to have problems with my city. I just want my right to be me, that's all. If you spent a week in my shoes you'd understand.

Alderman Olin asked if there was anyone else?

A member of the audience asked when the meetings of the PH&S committee were held.

It was explained that the PH&S meeting for this month was cancelled. The regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Because the room was available the room was used for the Street Committee.

Alderman Olin closed the public portion.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2006 regular Street Committee; Seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

2.1 Request for Sidewalk Reimbursement

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend to the full board per the recommendation of the City engineer to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$412.50 for the replacement of the sidewalk as per ordinance #465 with funding to come from the sidewalk reimbursement acct 001-3600-713.80-43; Seconded by Alderman York. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

2.2 Request for Sidewalk Reimbursement – 330 Howe Ave.

Alderman Kudej moved to forward to the full board per the recommendation of the City Engineer to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of \$1,423.13 for the replacement of the sidewalks at 330 Howe Ave. as per ordinance #465 with funding to come from the sidewalk reimbursement acct. 001-3600-713.80-43; Seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

2.3 Plaskon Drive Extension

The Aldermen discussed the portion of the road in question. There is a brook that would need to be piped. This item was tabled.

Alderman York suggested that the Street Committee request an 8-24 recommendation from Planning & Zoning and further a recommendation from the Inlands Wetlands Commission.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Amendment to Ordinance #755 – Littering or Dumping

Alderman Kudej moved to recommend that the size of the signs be enlarged, and that the wording be posted as follows;

Further, that signs should be posted on all City property, including Open Space and Major Arterial Roads; Seconded by Alderman York. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

Tape 1 side 2 Alderman York started her speech while the tape was stopped.

Alderman York continues; copy of each complaint, 2., the numerical order of each complaint in the book that Mr. Mooney explained to me does exist to process complaints in the order that they were received. 3. A brief summary of each action taken on each complaint whether or not it was completed and if not completed what the plans and time lines are for completion. 4. If no action has been taken a reason validating why not. 5. what measures or resources would be necessary to rectify each complaint that has not been addressed. 6. Documentation that the complaintant has been contacted and has been kept up to date with the progress of his or her complaint. I am also requesting that the Street Committee adopt a better policy to address outstanding and future complaints. I have been sitting on this committee for 9 months now and I have not witnessed the effective remediation of a complaint made to me. I have been told that the best way to address a complaint is to bring it directly to Mayor Lauretti whereby he will personally see to that the problem is corrected. In frustration I've tried this and it does not work. Nor apparently does it work to ask residents to bring their complaints to this committee or directly to the Mayor. If action is taken and the committee is never formally informed in a timely fashion as to the progress of that action or the ultimate rectification of that complaint. We seem to be repeating the same scenarios over and over again and you would think that I have staged this whole thing tonight with what happened here but I didn't. Lack of funds certainly can't be the reason for the lack of action. To date the road repair line has about

\$250,000 in its balance. I would like to see evidence of how these citizen complaints are factored into the planned utilization of these funds. Shelton is a city with a healthy grand list. Tax paying residents should not have to endure sometimes for years, serious drainage, icing problems, large potholes, broken curbing and otherwise poorly maintained streets. Once alerted the city should repair and remediate these complaints in a timely orderly fashion. I haven't seen any of that. What I've seen is pretty disgraceful. I got this in the mail today.

I've got copies for everybody. This is the kind of stuff we have to look at, at how the Mayor keeps taxes down. I read an article in the paper today about the wonderful bonding status of the city, how healthy our economic base is and yet our residents can't get the simplest of issues taken care of. If we've got the money and I heard over and over again, money is not the issue, it's financially healthy city, why are these things not being taken care of. That Hemlock Street situation, that is putting the city at grave risk. That issue should have been handled 9 months ago when that fellow first came here or to the PH&S Committee. Yes, we can say it's them, but we are all BOA members and we should be communicating with each other, we should be pursuing these things. I see no policy, I see no follow up, we don't meet, we don't talk, we don't discuss things and really I think things have to change. I really do, because I don't know about you but I'm getting calls all hours of the day and night. I'm getting calls 2,3 4 times from the same people.

Alderman Olin asked; do you have the names of these people?

Alderman York replied; they are all in the record. Steven Gray up in White Hills, School St. Wendy Jools, Wendy, I have copies of every email that you sent to me that I sent to Mr. Olin a month ago. I sent to the Mayor's office, no response from anybody.

Wendy Jools replied; I was told today that the Mayor never got them. I personally cc'd him on every email I sent.

Alderman York continued; so apparently we are completely ineffective. The way I look at it is why do we exist if we can't get anything done. This book that Bill Mooney has I want to see that book, I want to see what's been done, I want to see how things get taken care of, I want to see if in fact that your complaint comes in and..

Alderman Olin replied; you should address that complaint to Bill Mooney because he is the Superintendent. He is supposed to react to anything. I have had my arguments with him, Randy, you know that.

A member of the audience spoke: I don't know who is the problem, but I know they take a long time. But we have low taxes and you don't get (inaudible) Somebody is suffering for it and I know who.

Alderman York continued; I have been told that he has a certain amount of money and when that is gone no more work gets done. It's much less than what his budget is. There is two sides to every story, this is not to put Bill Mooney on the hot seat. I think the bottom line the responsibility falls on the Mayor. Its an issue, a serious issue. Maybe we need to get the Mayor down here and maybe we need to have him tell us how he wants us to handle these things so they get done. This is crazy. I'm as frustrated as that poor guy is. That's it.

Adjournment

Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn the Street Committee Meeting, SECONDED by Alderman York. All were in favor, MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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