

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104

SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
Minutes

◆ **CALL OF THE MEETING**

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 - absent
 Alderman Lynn Farrell – present

Also in attendance:

Alderman Jack Finn

◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**

Jack Finn, 17 Princess Wenonah Drive.

I would like to address Birchbank Road. I know that it is on the agenda as old business, #66. I would now like you to include 64 up to 66 for the roadway. It looks like we have to grade and cut and patch from 64 to 66.

Also, Dimon Road is on the agenda tonight and I know that you will be moving forward with that. Hopefully we can get that resolved now that East Village is under construction. I know that the Mayor was up in the hills yesterday before 8:00 am. I heard that the price came out is somewhere around 50K to correct the problem on Dimon.

There is a new situation up in White Hills, and there is no PH&S meeting this month because it was cancelled. With the new road construction , East Village Rd. is now closed from the fire house to rt 110 every morning. As a result all the traffic has to go up School Street and out that dangerous intersection below that crest of hill on Rt 110. I have requested that DOT put a temporary traffic light at that area. Jason Perillo is working on that. .I have requested that the Police Dept. have a police officer stationed there to have a safe egress out of School St. in the morning. I haven't heard back from them yet. Something has to be done with that intersection of School St and Rt 110 before there is an accident there. It is a simple thing to put a patrol car up there with an officer to help the people get out of the street.

Alderman Farrell asked what is it they are doing?

Alderman Finn replied; it is the reconstruction of East Village Rd. Portions of East Village Rd are going to be closed for the next 18 months. It is forcing all the cars up School Street out into Rt 110. There is traffic coming up in the morning and after 4 pm the roadway is open both ways.

There was discussion on how long the job would take.

This is a project that has been on the books for 7 – 8 years. Basically they are supposed to take care of the sightline problem that was made reference too. Take care of turn coming out of Beardsley Rd. by having it face the cider mill than coming out at an angle. The turns are supposed to be corrected coming out of Birdseye Rd. and School St. All the money was removed from that project and sent over to the Pearl Harbor Bridge Project in New Haven. We are back to a situation where now the road is closed and now we have a traffic problem and if we could get the police up there or someone to help the residents exit onto Rt 110.

Alderman Olin asked; “Who did you speak with?”

Alderman Finn replied; I sent two emails to the Chief of Police and I haven’t received an answer back on it yet. Jason has responded and he has spoken with the DOT about this.

Alderman Farrell asked who else he had contacted.

Alderman Finn replied; Dan Debecilla was contacted. Jason is the only one that has responded.

Thank you

Jennifer Keever, 7 Queen Street.

Alderman Olin showed Jennifer the memo from the City Engineer. He explained that the survey would go out to her neighbors and then the City Engineer or the clerk would be in touch with her when the surveys were returned and that she could come back for that meeting.

Ms. Keever thanked Mr. Olin for his help.

Thomas Whatrous, 25 Algonquin Rd.

I am here because of a problem that was created when they paved Mohawk Drive last fall. They collared the catch basin grating but they didn’t raise the concrete catch basin. This reduced the flow from about 3 inches to 1.5 inches. There are a lot of trees there and it gets

clogged very easily. The leaves lay flat on the flat part of the grate then they just stay there. The only way that the water can really escape is the back of the grating. That is why the catch basins are designed with a 3 inch opening. Reduced to 1.5 inches the water starts going over the curb and going across my lawn. I want that corrected.

Alderman Farrell asked how this happened.

Mr. Whatrous continued; last year the City paved Mohawk Drive.. To match the height of the pavement they raised the grating up an inch and a half. But they have created a problem with the drainage now.

Years ago I granted the City an easement so that they could put a 36" pipe thru my property. At the time there was a problem with the pond overflowing. The City's 12" pipe was inadequate the water would come across the top of the road like a river. So I granted the City an easement to take care of the problems with the water. Now they have created a problem with this reduced ability of this catch basin.

Alderman Olin stated that he would have Highways & Bridges come take a look at it.

Alderman Olin closed the public portion at 7:15 pm.

Alderman Olin read a letter to the committee from Alderman Simonetti.

To: Ken Olin, Alderman , 4th Ward

From: Anthony Simonetti, Alderman , 1st Ward

May 5, 2009

Re: Highways & Bridges

I have contact almost weekly with the Highways & Bridges Dept. for any number of reasons and have had the Mayors' office contact them on numerous occasions when our citizens have contacted me regarding problems with snow removal, road conditions, trees down, etc. These and other matters spring up and are sometimes not priorities or not easily scheduled but need to be taken care of.

I would like to compliment the staff and crews at Highways & Bridges for coming to the aide of these people and making adjustments in their schedules and routines to answer these calls. This morning for example a neighbor emailed me that work on roads in White Hills was being done and they were grateful and on Monday (May 4th) an employee of mine who lives in the 3rd ward complimented/praised the Highways & Bridges crew for answering his call for sand removal after a down pour.

I can not and will never say things will always go perfectly because they just don't, but I do appreciate and want to let the Highways & Bridges staff know that they are noticed for the things they do well by me personally and the people of Shelton. Please continue to provide the quality services you have in the past and contact me personally if I can be of any assistance.

Again thank you for all you do.

Anthony Simonetti

◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

1.1 **REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 3, 2009**

Alderman Farrell moved to waive the reading of and approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2009; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

2.1 **21 ROARING BROOK LANE – HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGN REQUEST**

Alderman Farrell moved to forward to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.2 **7 QUEEN STREET – REQUEST TO REMOVE SIDEWALK**

No action at this time, awaiting survey results.

2.3 **32 STONE HOUSE ROAD**

Alderman Farrell moved to forward to Highways & Bridges for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.4 **43 WALNUT TREE HILL ROAD**

Alderman Farrell moved to Refer this to the Tree Warden; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.5 **152 TUCKAHOE DRIVE**

Alderman Farrell moved to forward to Highways & Bridges for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.6 **15 WILLIAM STREET, REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR CURB REPLACEMENT**

Alderman Farrell moved to recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the City Engineer, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of

\$175.50 to Traci Guild of 15 William Street, per Ordinance No. 465 with funding to come from Engineering Account #001-3600-713.80-43; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.7 ACCESS ROAD

Presentation by Dominick Thomas and Jim Swift.

Discussion. Alderman Farrell moved to forward to the City Engineer for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.8 ISINGLASS & WAVERLY ROAD POTHOLES

Alderman Farrell moved to forward to Highways & Bridges for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

2.9 CARDINAL AND MEADOWLARK

No action at this time. There is currently a recommendation in the Mayor's office for this from Highways & Bridges.

2.10 CANFIELD DRIVE

Alderman Farrell moved to forward this to Highways & Bridges for review and recommendation; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 66 BIRCHBANK ROAD

Alderman Finn spoke regarding this during the public portion. Discussion. Alderman Olin will talk to the Mayor.

3.2 CORNER OF ISINGLASS ROAD AND ADAMS DRIVE

Mr. Mooney reported that this work was completed.

3.3 DIMON ROAD DRAINAGE ISSUES UPDATE

Alderman Olin stated that Mayor Lauretti would be discussing this with Highways & Bridges.

3.4 CUL-DE-SAC AT SUBURBAN DRIVE UPDATE

Alderman Farrell moved, at this time. That no action be taken to create a cul-de-sac at Suburban Dr.; seconded by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0.

3.5 DAYBREAK LANE POTHOLES DUE TO WATER DRAINAGE

No action. Work has been completed by Highways & Bridges.

3.6 FAR MILL ROAD BETWEEN HORSE STABLE & COPPER PENNY

Mr. Mooney reported that the road has settled and no further action is required.

3.7 CRESTWOOD PLACE IN HUNTINGTON

Mr. Mooney reported that the correction was made and that no further action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Farrell MOVED to adjourn the Street Committee Meeting, SECONDED by Alderman Olin. All were in favor, MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Plucienik

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

MAYOR MARK A. LAURETTI

DATE