



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
S T R E E T C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015
AT SHELTON CITY HALL, AUDITORIUM
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Auditorium, of Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present

Alderman McPherson, Chairman

Alderman Kudej

Aldermen Farrell

Also Present

George Stachowicz, Superintendent of Highways & Bridges

Paul DiMauro, Public Works Director

PUBLIC PORTION:

JOHN STABLE, 20 SHEEHY LANE

I was at this meeting in January about my street. It is disrepair, especially around the storm drains. There are also a lot of sinkholes, especially more so this year; there are a lot of cracks and divots in the road from the previous construction work. The gutters are all busted up, especially where the storm drains are. There are a lot of sinkholes where they are starting to come in. When I was here in January, I gave this gentleman (Alderman Kudej), when you exit my street to come to Meadow Street, the line of sight to the left you really need to literally have your radio off to listen to see if any cars are coming. If I was to take a right to go towards Route 108, I look in the mirror and there is someone right on top of me. Plus, the house on the corner of Sheehy Lane and Meadow Street has a lot of bushes and ferns that are more or less, obstructing the exit from the road. Was my street ever looked at to see if there would be any kind of paving or reconstruction of the road?

George Stachowicz: I did look at it after the January meeting, after the roads cleared up and I do see a slight hump in the road. That was all reconfigured with Perry Hill. When Guerrero was there, I do not know why it was not addressed then.

John Stable: I see the school buses when I go over it.

George Stachowicz: Personally, that is something that the engineer would have to get involved in. Right now with all of our other problems, it is not going to get to the top of our priority list.

John Stable: Is there any word when my street would be looked at for some kind of maintenance?

George Stachowicz: We are working on all of the streets; we have some that we still have not got to yet. I have been trying to get to the street across from yours, for years. It just takes time.

John Stable: When I was here at the beginning of this year, you had talked about the costs of paving the streets, etc. My daughter has also brought to my attention; Constitution North, Independence Drive, Wellington and

Lexington were all recently paved. Those streets are a little over fifteen years old.

Paul DiMauro: However, that is a maintenance issue.

George Stachowicz: It looks like they were paved, but those streets had a veneer placed on top.

Paul DiMauro: It saves the road from the money seeping in to it. There is a big investment in the newer roads; we do not want to lose them.

George Stachowicz: We have to save the roads that we can still save. Unfortunately, like King's Highway and your road, a chip seal would be the best thing for us to do.

Paul DiMauro: We have the monies; it is just a matter of time. We have the program set up for this year; that was already done before January. We are already working on next year's program; we will certainly consider placing that on the program for next year. It will certainly not be done for this year. If there were to be any dangerous situations, they will be repaired.

John Stable: I feel bad for the plow guy that drives the #35 truck in the winter. I know when he comes I can hear him when he hits the storm drain.

George Stachowicz: We try to take care of those before wintertime.

John Stable: This gentleman here said they put a cap on Constitution North, Independence and the other streets that I have mentioned. To me, those roads were in good shape. Why did they have to put a cap on them?

Paul DiMauro: It is because if there is any cracking in the roads, the water can penetrate through them and it will start causing a real problem and we are going to lose roads like that. The most economical way is to do a maintenance program, which is either a micro surface or chip sealing.

John Stable: What did they do to Meadow Street?

Paul DiMauro: They did a crack seal.

George Stachowicz: That was a crack seal. We will probably try to get another veneer on the micro surfacing, because it is highly traveled. A good example of what is going to happen if you ever saw what had happened to Huntington Street between last year and this year. It just unravels; you lose that wear surface and stones start popping out. That was supposed to be on next year's program, so we had to move that street ahead. This is what happens during the wintertime; things happen and we had a hard frost this year.

John Stable: Is Huntington Center to Bridgeport Avenue a state road?

George Stachowicz: No, there is a small section.

John Stable: That is about it. I was just concerned about my street, and the line of sight exiting it.

Paul DiMauro: As far as the line of sight issue, we will notify the City Engineer to take a review of it. If someone is in violation of the ordinance, they will be notified to take care of it.

John Stable: Last year I gave this gentleman (Alderman Kudej), a map/blueprint of where the danger zones were exiting and entering. Now, this year the corner house from my street has those fern-type bushes.

Paul DiMauro: We will put your street on the list. We would like to do one area at a time. There are always things that are happening, and the weather does make the difference.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 SPECIAL STREET COMMITTEE MEETING- APRIL 7, 2015

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Special Street Committee Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2015.

SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED 3-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 CORNER OF LAUREL HEIGHTS ROAD & CORAM ROAD

DISCUSSION:

Alderman Kudej: This is a sight problem.

Paul DiMauro: I sent a memo to the City Engineer to review it. Again as I have said with the Sheehy Lane issue, they will be notified. You need to notify the property owners.

Alderman Kudej: I almost got whacked there, the other day. People have been complaining periodically. With Laurel Heights, you cannot see the cars coming down.

Paul DiMauro: No, not at all and the people are probably not going to be happy.

Alderman Kudej: That hedge is becoming hazardous.

Paul DiMauro: That hedge has been growing more and more each year. So, the City Engineer will notify them if they are in violation of City ordinance and to take appropriate action.

2.2 CORAM ROAD BRUSH / CANOPY

DISCUSSION:

Chairman McPherson: John Cook brought this to my attention, so I had Theresa send an email. The area of Coram Road from #100 to #136, and then Coram Road from #167 to Belmont Avenue. I guess the lower level brush was cleared back pretty well. I talked to you about the canopies.

George Stachowicz: It has limited capabilities with height or our own work forces. We can only go up so high.

Chairman McPherson: He is saying that the branches are hanging down.

Paul DiMauro: This is going to be referred to the Tree Warden for him to review, and to take action.

Chairman McPherson: So will you contact him?

Paul DiMauro: I already contacted him today.

2.3 UPDATE ON ROADS

Chairman McPherson: I put this on the agenda because I would like to get an update.

Paul DiMauro: I will give you an update and a pass-out of it. George helped me to put this together this morning, so we would have something to present to you. One of the things that George wanted to point out to you was the damage from this past winter with the deep frost, remaining on the roads until mid-April delayed the start of our programs. So we did get a late start this year from what we normally do. We are giving you a summary of what has been done so far.

We have been milling and paving on Far Oaks and Country Ridge Roads. Partial areas of Woods Grove Road and Fawn Hill Road were also done. In addition, portions of Huntington Street were milled and paved (work was done at night) in preparation for a new wear surface that was put on. It is used so the water does not penetrate underneath the surface, and hopefully we will not have the same problem next year. So basically the micro-surfacing program has been completed, which included Huntington, Church, North Constitution, Independence, Wellington and Lexington for total of 5.4 miles. These streets were crack-sealed prior to the micro surfacing being applied to it.

The first round of chip sealing will begin this week. The areas affected in the first phase are: all roads left and right of Ripton Road, all roads left and right of Park and Willoughby Road, Saw Mill City Road and the adjoining neighborhood; Fieldstone, Arrowhead, Stonewall, Ivy Brook, Mountain View and Platt Roads will also be added for a total of 10.4 miles.

Second phase of the process will include all roads connected to Longfellow Road, and those between Dimon and Beardsley Roads. The Newgate/Hamilton Road off Mohegan and hopefully into the roads east of Walnut Tree Hill Road for another 13.6 miles.

Notice to proceed orders were given through our Engineering Department for Old Stratford Road, Progress Drive, White Street, Perry Avenue, Beard Street, and a section of Canal Street East. These streets will be done by a private contractor. The estimates are coming back and forth for the remainder of Blueberry, Elm, Cliff and William Street, from the same contractor and may be completed this year. It is a continuous pattern of what we have done before, so whichever way that you travel through downtown Shelton is now completed and paved. This is all done by a third party, private contractor and they are currently scheduled to start on the 14th of this month. Estimates are forthcoming for the remainder of Blueberry, which is going to need a combination of milling, paving and some reclamation, which are areas that are so far gone because of not getting the proper maintenance that they are going to need to get dug all of the way down into the base and done. It is the most costly way of something that you are trying to avoid whenever possible because you can stretch your dollars a lot more with getting chip sealing. That will be an expensive project. In addition, we are looking at for the downtown area, Elm, Cliff, William and hopefully we will be able to get those squeezed in this year, with time permitting.

I have also attached for you, our 2015 road program, that weather permitting, anticipated to be completed this season. There is also an 11x17 map, which is a miniature version of what is on the wall in this room. George has had his hands full this year. We would hate to deviate from what we have. We know that many of the aldermen have looked at different roads, and many of the residents have asked why their roads have not been done. As we said when we started this new program, we try to do it in an orderly fashion, to try to save as many roads as we can from deteriorating before they become the real big problem with costly expenses. We are almost there, so hopefully within another few weeks we will be able to give you a projection on what we will be able to complete with this current \$5 million bond issue that was passed last year, and let you know what is remaining that still needs to be addressed before we go into maintenance mode. Then, we will hopefully be able to determine a plan that will say this is what we will need to spend each year for maintenance going forward, to keep the roads in this condition. So we are looking at this as a long-range deal. You will have more information hopefully within a few weeks, and that is where we are going.

Chairman McPherson: Is there a way to get this information on the city's website?

Paul DiMauro: I think I tried before and it was too small. I can send it to him again to see if he can do it. We certainly can get the road program on the website. We will get it on together with the road program, as well the summary should go on the website, too. Then we will update the summary from time to time.

Chairman McPherson: It is important for the people to see where we have started, and to show the progress that has been made over the last several years.

Paul DiMauro: Some roads are in worse shape than others, but we know that we will have to do a lot of work on those roads.

George Stachowicz: Those costs will always remain the same.

Alderman Kudej: What about John Street? I did not hear that being mentioned.

George Stachowicz: It is there; we need to do some shaping to that road because it is really bad.

Paul DiMauro: It does not make a difference of how long and how loud someone yells because it is going to get done as how it is supposed to get done.

Alderman Kudej: The woman that I have speaking with has been very patient. If we could not get to it, I would at least like to have a little patch job done so the water does not go into her property.

George Stachowicz: We tried to fit it in last year but we just ran out of time.

Paul DiMauro: We are doing a lot more in-house. We are out to bid for more equipment, which we hope to get funded. We are looking to get a slightly larger paver and possibly keep the one we have now, and to be able to run two at times. So we are looking for a larger paver, and we put the bid out for the roller and some other equipment that will assist us in getting this work done. Once we get into the maintenance mode, at that point that any paving that needs to get done should be able to get done in-house. We no longer will have to contract for that type of work that needs to get done. If we have a stretch of road that needs to get done, we will be able to hire a miller to come in to mill the road. With the paver that we are trying to buy now, the asphalt was delivered by 10 wheelers from Bridgeport; we

cannot get it with our trucks. For small jobs we will, but for larger jobs it has been more cost effective to use our staff on the ground and let O&G deliver it with their trucks. We have been moving faster, as well. Once this is completed, estimated around two more years, at that point we will be in a maintenance mode and any paving will be done by our own forces.

Chairman McPherson: Paul, how is that machine holding up, with the roller?

Paul DiMauro: For certain roads it works well. We cannot use it when going downtown to mill the entire road. It is meant to be used for spot milling.

George Stachowicz: It has definitely paid for itself.

Paul DiMauro: When you take a road like Oak Valley whenever we get to it, there is a road where you can go in with that machine. So you wouldn't need an outside contractor. We can put millings down and pave it ourselves.

George Stachowicz: It is good for the small neighborhoods.

Chairman McPherson: It takes less time, too. Does the state have Howe Avenue scheduled in this section?

George Stachowicz: I believe they have it scheduled for the 13th or the 14th. Brook Street to Myrtle Street will be milled and paved. The surveyors were out there today, and they were already cutting the catch basin. Then you are going to have Bridgeport Avenue done from Long Hill Cross Roads. The whole area of Commerce Drive, Bridgeport Avenue and Old Stratford Road will be new.

Chairman McPherson: The next thing I was looking at was the section of Shelton Avenue, between Meadow Street and Willoughby Road. It is in bad condition now.

George Stachowicz: It is falling apart, so that is why they need to be maintained.

Paul DiMauro: If you do not maintain it, crack seal to keep the water out of it with the wear surfaces on it. The state only does it one way; they mill and pave. That way is costly.

Chairman McPherson: Is that on their timetable for next year?

Paul DiMauro: I am sure for next year; not this year.

Chairman McPherson: With another issue, which I am going to bring back again with the issue of the school buses going down lower White Street. They would have to go in the incoming lane because they are making the sharp 45-degree turn.

Paul DiMauro: That is strictly a traffic issue. Bring that issue up with the Chief of Police, and I will have him sign him to say no commercial vehicles, no buses.

Chairman McPherson: I have tried calling the Board of Education Bus Coordinator. We had a discussion about it, but nothing was ever done.

Paul DiMauro: You would have to go to the Chief to have him post it.

Chairman McPherson: We already talked about it, so that will be coming back to the agenda.

Paul DiMauro: Years ago when Lafayette was operating the grammar school, our trucks would not go out that street. We went the other way because of the school, so we never let our schools go up, past the school. I do not see why it is so difficult for them to go around?

Chairman McPherson: I have discussed it with the Chief, so we will be taking different action.

2.4 CORAM ROAD BETWEEN AUDOBON & PLASKON

DISCUSSION:

Alderman Kudej: That road in the wintertime, which that section was heaved up and there were a lot of cracks. I just want to make sure the cracks get filled.

George Stachowicz: We have to mill that down a little.

Paul DiMauro: We have the same thing on Crescent Street. It always heaves up every year and settles back down. This year it is not coming back so good, but eventually when we are in the area with the machine, they will do it. Instances such as a line of sight issue, you can either call the Mayor's Office and get it on record there, or call George directly so we can get on it right away. We will save

time, rather than wasting time between another meetings. That would be a lot more expeditious to do that.

George Stachowicz: We deal with line of sight issues every day. I have a truck going out almost every day doing signs, and what not. They would go out there with the weed wacker and they would do it. There are always around two to three per day, but now they are building.

Chairman McPherson: I am really glad where Coram Road and Fairmount meet because you had to pull way out because they had to go out and trim.

George Stachowicz: Usually Parks and Recreation usually takes care of that.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NO ITEMS

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN -

Chairman McPherson: The sign ordinance is going to come back. We think we have a solution to all of this, and I will be coming back next month with what we may be doing with it, and where we go moving forward.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REPORTS OF:

D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: The only other thing that I wanted to mention is our recycle program that we have had; I thought we were going to nail scavengers that go around the neighborhood.

Paul DiMauro: I do not have enforcement authority.

Alderman Kudej: I have been bringing it up periodically, but I have caught people and I have confronted people. I have turned in marker numbers and nothing has been done.

Paul DiMauro: Public Works does not have enforcement rights. That is a police matter when it comes to an ordinance. So once we get into that situation, the enforcement needs to be directed by the police to take action.

Alderman Kudej: Wasn't that part of our ordinance?

Paul DiMauro: Yes that is in the ordinance. If they get caught taking something out of the transfer station, it is basically the same thing. Except out of the white tent, which you can take from there.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alderman McPherson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Brittany Gannon
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ROAD REHABILITATION SUMMARY TO DATE 07/07/2015

The damage caused by this past winter, together with the deep frost remaining in the roads until mid to late April, delayed the start of our 2015 Road Rehabilitation Program.

The following is a summary of what has been completed to date and what is currently scheduled.

City forces have milled and paved Fair Oaks and Country Ridge Roads. Partial areas of Woods Grove Rd. and Fawn Hill Rd. were also done. In addition, portions of Huntington Street were milled and paved (work was done at night) in preparation for a new wear surface.

We are scheduled to do Kings Highway, John St, Wall St, Valley Rd and others depending on time, equipment and weather.

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Attached is a copy of the 2015 Road Program, that weather permitting, is anticipated to be completed this season.

CHIP SEALING 2015					
Street	Limits	Ft.	Mi.	Sq Yd	
Blackberry Ln		1372	0.26	4753	
Bosenberry Ln		528	0.1	1760	
Cranberry Ln		369	0.07	1232	
Mulberry Ln		3379	0.64	11264	
Bayberry Ln		1108	0.21	3696	
Hawley Rd.		950	0.18	3168	
Vaillancourt Ln		580	0.11	1933	
Snoberry Ln		633	0.12	2110	
Elderberry Ln		1742	0.33	5808	
Strawberry Ln		2112	0.4	7040	
Brook Pine Dr.		2112	0.4	7040	
Pinewood Dr.		739	0.14	2463	
Centerview Dr.		1636	0.31	5456	
Longmeadow Rd.		4910	0.93	16366	
Lucille Dr.		1953	0.37	6512	
Cedar Hill Rd.		1689	0.32	5632	
Barry Rd.		844	0.16	2813	
Windy Acres Rd.		1055	0.2	3516	
Quaker Ridge Rd.		2270	0.43	7566	
Lark Ln.		1425	0.27	4752	
Dogwood Dr.		2904	0.55	9680	
Meadowbrook Dr		1161	0.22	3870	
Deerfield Dr.		1214	0.23	4048	
Skyline Dr.		1320	0.25	4400	
Florence Dr.		1425	0.27	4752	
Overlook Pl.		792	0.15	2640	
Lily Ln.		1003	0.19	3344	
Daisy Dr.		739	0.14	2463	
Rosedale Circle		2059	0.39	6863	
Cloverdale ave.		3009	0.57	10032	
Holly Ln		422	0.08	1406	
Sawmill City Rd.		4100	0.77	10477	
Stonewall Ln.		1056	0.2	3520	
Arrowhead Ln.		844	0.16	2813	
Fieldstone Dr.		1584	0.3	5280	
Maler Ave.	check footage	3854	0.73	12846	
Pine St.		1480	0.28	3617	
Park Ave.		3009	0.57	8358	
Queen St.		739	0.14	2463	
Commodore Ave.		1584	0.3	5280	
Biltmore Rd.		739	0.14	2463	
Astoria Ln.		950	0.18	3166	

