



**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 1, 2014
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 1, 2014 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

Alderman Farrell-absent

Also Present

Paul DiMauro, Public Works Director

Alderman Finn

PUBLIC PORTION

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

On October 1, 2013, I came forth to your committee and asked about my street condition on Jordan Avenue. I respectfully thank Mr. DiMauro, who informed me that the problem would be taken care of. Neighbors have been asking me when our street would be taken care of. All I am asking for is an update on Jordan Avenue.

Paul DiMauro: Chip sealing should start down there in roughly two to three weeks. All of those streets are on the list, and will be done within the first phase. We do two phases in the beginning of the year. They were all level last year in preparation for the first phase of chip sealing. They have been working out schedules for that. It will be done shortly.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES- MAY 6, 2014

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading of and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014. Chairman McPherson SECONDED the motion. All were in favor and motion carried 2-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 FAIRFIELD AVENUE

DISCUSSION:

Chairman McPherson: I have received a call from a resident, so I took some pictures but I cannot find them here.

Paul DiMauro: I will go and take a look at it.

Chairman McPherson: Needless to say, it is in rough shape.

Paul DiMauro: We still have some in Coram Gardens that are bad. Quite honestly, we are not going to get to all of them this year. We are going to do the best that we can. We are trying to finish up area by area. I will look at it, and try to give you some kind of idea on when I think it can be done.

Alderman Kudej: I also got a call from the same woman, and she wanted me to come down to take a look at the area. She was also complaining about the surrounding streets, like King Street.

Paul DiMauro: Bodyk Place, upper Prospect Avenue, etc; that entire stream of roads.

Alderman Kudej: She will probably give us another call.

Paul DiMauro: That is fine. We will do our best try to keep it as passable as we can. I cannot promise you that this will get done this year. We are not going to get to all of the streets that we would like to get to for this year. We have made some serious progress, though. I will check on those and try to put some estimates together. Upper Prospect is the same way as all of those streets along that way. In fact, going into Coram Gardens, I would love to do Providence and all of those streets too. At some point we want to get to the ones that are heavily traveled, and the ones that we can save. I will look at them again; that is all I can say.

2.2 RIVERVIEW PARK DRIVEWAY

DISCUSSION:

Alderman Kudej: Up at Riverview Park where the basketball courts and the ball fields, was a big pile of snow in the wintertime. When the snow was removed and pushed down the bank, most of the pavement went with it.

Paul DiMauro: It wasn't in very good shape up there, which is for sure.

Alderman Kudej: It is horrible. The amount of use that area gets is amazing. The people that use it have not been storming down there. I get my share of complaints, but someone dropped a couple shovelfuls of asphalt this week in a couple of the holes.

Paul DiMauro: It is about choices; it is either we pave a school or we pave Riverview Park. That is one, two, three, four or five less streets that can get done. Setting those priorities is a scary deal because we would like everything to look good overnight, but it is not going to happen. I don't like to make promises that we cannot keep. We will be back for more money; you can trust me on that. I know you are going to be enthused about that but we do need to put more money at it.

It is not a matter of us doing it all with our own forces, but we are contracting out a lot of work. I will speak more to the Mayor about the contracting. It is going to cost more, but we are going to have to do it. We will start to get estimates for the rest of these kinds of items. Once we know what it is going to cost, we will come back to you for it. I do not like being the one that has to say no. I wish we could make choices and just do it.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING/RAMP AT LAFAYETTE SCHOOL

Paul DiMauro: All of the outside work has been completed. I had our contractor that is doing our sidewalk repair it; I was waiting for a new bid to come in. We have a contractor in place now that does our concrete sidewalks and all. He has met with our department the other day, and is coming back to us to give the computations on it to give us a number. We are going to order the concrete work done immediately, so as soon as we get the number back I will release him to do it. Depending on his schedule he will get that completed. I looked at the driveway. Is the driveway 100% bad? No but the girl from the State, who was notified thought that it was bad. I am not going to bicker about it. We will pave that area; we are not going to pave the other side of the parking area. However, we are going to give it a thin skin to make it smooth and passable. I cannot promise you a day, but it will get done soon. The ramp is more important than anything else, so we are moving on that immediately. As soon as I was made aware of it, we got moving on it and it is being taken care of.

Chairman McPherson: Okay, very good. For the next couple of items, I would like to group some of them because these are going to be updates.

3.2 4 DEXTER DRIVE-DAMAGED CURB / 3.6 VISTA DRIVE 63-90 UPDATE / 3.7 DICKENSON DRIVE 161-165 UPDATE

(ITEMS WERE COMBINED INTO ONE DISCUSSION)

DISCUSSION:

Paul DiMauro: I think Captain's Watch has been finished; I am not sure if they have completed it.

Alderman Finn: Yes it is completed. They did an excellent job.

Paul DiMauro: Captain's Watch has been repaved.

Alderman Finn: They told me while they were doing the work on Captain's Watch, they would also be doing the curbing on Dexter Drive. That work was never done.

Paul DiMauro: It is not necessarily done at the same time. I will check on one that is going to be done. Ernie does not set the schedules, so I wish that everybody would not run to everyone.

Alderman Finn: You were not here at the last meeting.

Paul DiMauro: It does not matter if I am here, or not. George has the schedules for those so I do not have to be here. I do not set schedules for curbing. I do the road program, etc. I am not going to interfere with his day-to-day operations. He knows how to schedule and when to get the curbing done. It is not the highest priority right now, unless it is causing tremendous water damage. If it is an aesthetic problem, it will probably take the back burner for right now. I will check with George in the morning to find out when it is scheduled.

Chairman McPherson: Let me clear something up. What Jack was alluding to is Ernie came to the last meeting.

Paul DiMauro: Oh, I thought you meant here. I am sorry, my apologies. Ernie was probably not aware what George was doing on it; he has to straighten that

out. Somebody also did some patchwork in front of their house, but all of it is coming up as well.

Paul DiMauro: What house is it?

Alderman Finn: 4 Dexter Drive.

Paul DiMauro: I am going to go and check that out. We are going to review 4 Dexter Drive to see what needs to be done. If it has to be done, it will be done.

Chairman McPherson: Let's move to items 3.6-Vista Drive 63-90 Update, and 3.7-Dickenson Drive 161-165 Update.

Paul DiMauro: I cannot give you an update on those two items right now. They are going to be major repairs, so we do have a problem on that. I do not know if that is going to fit into this year's schedule; right now it is not on my list because it will be extensive work. I will be looking at it again to see if we can do something to hold it together.

Alderman Finn: Are you talking about Vista Drive?

Paul DiMauro: Yes, Vista Drive and Dickenson Drive. The point is do you try to save the road next to it with the monies you have? Vista Drive needs to be re-done anyway, and we need to keep it passable for now. Or, do you blow all of your money on Vista Drive and not save the other two roads? If we do not do something else with some of the major roads that we have, i.e. Soundview Avenue, and take care of some of these problems, you are going to end up rebuilding some of these roads because the maintenance needs to be done. The micro surfacing and the chip sealing needs to be done; that is the only thing that is going to hold these roads together. As I said Jack, it is a balancing act. Which one do we jump to? I can show you the map of what has been done in that area. We did a lot of work in that section of town. It was in horrendous shape.

Alderman Finn: It is not only the residents of Vista Drive, but everyone comes out of Longfellow Drive, Princess Wenonah, Okenuck, who is heading out towards Vista Drive.

Paul DiMauro: I can make that argument, and every aldermen can make that argument of someplace in their own neighborhood. They can all make that

argument, but we are trying not to set priorities. I will look at it again, and I will try my best to see what we can do. I cannot make a promise yet.

I am trying to think of that area in White Hills that I can send the subcontractor out there to do some cut and patch work, to which it will hold. If I can do that, we will start doing that more and more. We have a bid for cut and patch for street openings, and I am going to expand that use to use it for areas where we can knock that out and use our forces to do all of the leveling and the stuff that we can do. It is just time consuming, and they are better set up for than we are. We just do not have enough manpower to run that kind of operation, do our other work, and cutting the sides of the roads.

Alderman Finn: To clarify, this is the new section of Dickenson Drive. The old side of the street seems to be holding out well than what was put in by Blakeman Construction. Between 161-165 Dickenson Drive, they will patch the potholes and before you know it in two days, they will be patching more potholes.

Paul DiMauro: If it is something where I can cut a nice section out and have them patch it in, then that's what we will look for. If I can save a road that way and chip seal it later on, we are better off that way. We are just trying to use up the dollars the best way we can.

3.9 PLASKON DRIVE UPDATE

Alderman Kudej: We did it last year; we did it four years ago.

Paul DiMauro: I am not doing it again this year. The road was in bad shape; we saved it. What we are going to do this year is put a micro surface over it. We are trying to hold it together with chip seal, sweep it and then put a micro surface on top. If I had the monies, I would chip seal them, sweep, and a few days later place a micro surface over the top. That is the nicest way to do it, but we do not have the money to do that. If you give me a \$20 million bond issue, then we can try to talk about that kind of treatment to the roads. I am trying to get on Plaskon Drive to do the chip seal prematurely to fill in a lot of the cracks. The type of chip seal that we use has heavier oil that fills in the cracks. However, it is still not going to bond it all together. So, we are going to put the micro surfacing over the top, but we cannot do that all over the place.

Alderman Kudej: I want it to be on the record that even though we did it twice in the last five years-

Paul DiMauro: We did not do it twice in the last five years. We did Plaskon Drive once with chip seal. I will look back for the time that it was done before that.

Alderman Kudej: We did it last fall, and already in the springtime it is showing its cracks. I just want everyone to be aware that is a problem road. I understand we do not have the extensive money to do that. We cannot do it right now because of the cost factor.

Paul DiMauro: Understand one thing that you are always going to get a reflective cracking coming through that nature. The beauty part of using the chip seal and the micro surfacing is that it melts back together with the heat, and closes them off so you can get through another winter.

Alderman Kudej: It is an expensive proposition, and the amount of traffic that goes that way is like a super highway.

3.3 SCAVENGING THROUGH RECYCLING BINS

Alderman Kudej: Under Old Business, I caught a woman with her vehicle emptying out all of her recycling bins. I gave Ernie the marking number and everything.

Paul DiMauro: You need to give that information to the Police Department.

Alderman Kudej: I keep running into these people constantly. Just this past week, I got the guy's marking number, but their position is that it is put out for garbage so it is a free for all; anyone can take it.

Paul DiMauro: That is not true.

Alderman Kudej: Maybe we can get some signs put up in certain areas, saying there is a fine if you go scavenging.

Paul DiMauro: I will talk to the Chief about it, but it is really a Police matter. I cannot put up signs like that; the Chief has to order them. There is an ordinance in place that says that you cannot scavenge. Once those items are put to the curb, they become the property of the City of Shelton. They are stealing from the City of Shelton when they are doing that. Most people are looking for deposit bottles; if there is none visible on top, then they move to the next one. Is it hurting

us financially? No. The plastic bottles have no weight to them, and we are based on weight. It is wrong to do. I would be more concerned with people going through my garbage than my recycling, quite honestly. It is against the law, and the Police need to enforce it. I do not have the right to arrest anyone that violates the law. I can send letters to residents, but I cannot arrest anyone.

Alderman Kudej: I know about the ordinance, but the people still do it.

Paul DiMauro: We will be doing something again with the recycling and where we are. We will try to make a big emphasis on that. The downtown area gets hit a lot because it is easier to walk to.

Alderman Kudej: We need to get everyone to cooperate with this. I know it is a pain, but send the message out somehow or somewhere.

3.4 44 MALTBY STREET DRAINAGE ISSUES

Chairman McPherson: I had this item on the agenda a few times, and I am not getting anywhere. The section of Maltby Street, between Coram is done in front of 44 Maltby Street and in front of the hospital. Before the road was done, we did not have a large pond of water. The road is done and we have a large pond of water. I have sent in pictures.

Paul DiMauro: I will look at it, but from my understanding of it, there was a puddling effect there before we paved because Cyndee brought it to my attention a couple of years ago. When we paved, there was a point in time there was snow there during the winter, and it was holding back water. Then, I understood that once all of the gutters have been cleaned out they said it was draining well. Let's watch it during the next rainstorm to see what is going on. Are you talking about the side where the hospital is?

Chairman McPherson: Yes, and also by the house, in front of that driveway.

Paul DiMauro: It is a fairly flat area, so I am sure we are going to get some ponding over there. If there is a real problem with it, we will take a look at it and see what we can do. Quite honestly, I do not think the paving caused it. We will take a look at it again.

Chairman McPherson: Before the Police Department can paint over there residents had an issue with people going into the hospital, blocking the driveway.

So, the Police Department painted the hash marks, and that have yet to get it done. I would not hold off on the painting right now. For what it costs for the painting, it is more important to have safety first.

Chairman McPherson: My thought was if we had to dig it up again, we would need asphalt in that section.

Paul DiMauro: I am not going to dig it up for a while if it has to be done, so you do not have to worry about it now.

Chairman McPherson: When you take a look at this, can't you put some more asphalt on it or shape it?

Paul DiMauro: No because it would just peel off. You would have to cut it. It is a lot more involved, honestly. If you are going to do it right it is going to be a lot more involved.

3.6 LAKEVIEW AVENUE UPDATE

Alderman Kudej: We were told last year that-

Paul DiMauro: Before you go any further, the paving of the roads that we are going to be paving this year is tentatively going to start July 7, 2014. Lakeview Avenue will be on the tail end of that. We are doing a section of Old Stratford Road, up to where UI starting digging into it. If you want to look at a road with a lot of traffic, you give me the traffic count of that road with anything that we have discussed here tonight. With no question, that road certainly needs to get done. We are doing that up to where that new development is coming in because UI has been digging across Old Stratford Road. Until we find out exactly how that is going to work out, we are not doing the rest of it.

We are also going to be doing a section of Armstrong Road; it was not done before. We are doing Lakeview Avenue, and West Street, which was also not done before. Those streets are going to be done, and tentatively will be starting on July 7th with that.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman McPherson: The City put the bricks in on Howe Avenue, on the sidewalks. I think they did those in the 1980s, however, the problem that we are

having now is where the trees are. I know right in front of the Lucky Nail Salon there is a tree in front, and the grate is sticking out. The bricks are buckling and sinking, and this is just a lawsuit waiting to happen.

Paul DiMauro: They are going to have to be addressed and contracted out, because we are never going to get back to it ourselves. I will take a look at it.

Chairman McPherson: I am afraid because everyone is lawsuit-happy today.

Paul DiMauro: That part is going to be our responsibility on those trees because you cannot expect the property owners to take care of those trees.

Chairman McPherson: My concern is that these bricks in a number of places are sinking now. We have a lot of traffic. We were able to trim the trees back, and that was the first time that they have ever been maintained. The steel grates that are on them are coming up in several locations. I'd figure we bring it up for discussion to see if we can look into it. Like you said, if we need to contract it out then that is what we need to do.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REPORTS OF:

A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paul DiMauro: Just to give you something to give you an idea of what we did last year; we milled and paved about 2.86 miles; which was the most expensive portion, chip sealing was about 11.7 miles, we micro surfaced about 3.76 miles and we prepared 7.2 miles of skid paving that we prepared for the chip sealing first thing this year. That should be starting in about one week or two. That would be the Sunnyside area, and some of the side streets that are there as well, then we will start to get other areas ready.

I am going to post this report to the webpage, with the map of all of the roads that have been done since we instituted our road program three years ago. I have had a map put together, covering the whole town to see what was done since that three-year span to now. I also told him to start dotting in the roads that we are most likely to get done this year. I am trying to get as much information up there

so the public can see it. I will have a full sized drawing down here, but I will also post that on the webpage for you.

Chairman McPherson: I think that is important to see.

Paul DiMauro: If you see what the progress is, you will understand it better. There has been a lot of progress since we started. Another method to our madness is trying to hook in with the State, where the State was doing a section of a road and we would hook onto it. If you went on Route 108 by the library, coming down by the reservoir you would go all of the way down to the bridge, up over Coram and down one continuous area with all new road.

Chairman McPherson: Paul, do you know about any of the State roads like Howe Avenue? It is atrocious.

Paul DiMauro: That is bad. How about when you go down Route 110; they let it go to hell completely. How about Route 108 when you have to put crack seal over the cracks two years ago, they are letting the cracks widen up to the point that we keep repeating the process of milling and paving, milling and paving. They are spending a fortune on these roads, and I see them deteriorate. I do not know why Shelton does not get the treatment like some of the other towns. Those roads get tremendous traffic.

D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Kudej: One other thing that I did not get on the agenda was something I was working with George, on Richard Boulevard. We have a sewer problem there.

Paul DiMauro: The Bridgeport Hydraulic line was leaking, and that was what the problem was. There is also some leaking of drainage, and we are going to put some drainage there. We already have the pipe up there. Bridgeport Hydraulic discovered another leak that was causing a problem to some of the residents over there. That issue has been taken care of, and we are doing drainage over there.

Alderman Kudej: I talked to George two weeks ago, and he said that he has all of the material. I guess a couple of guys went on vacation, sick or the department was short handed.

Paul DiMauro: There were two different problems: one was the Bridgeport Hydraulic line, which is gone. The other problem is that we have drainage to install. We got Call Before you Dig; it is on the front runner. The material is there, and we are not going to sit back with piping on the road. We need to get the job done.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alderman McPherson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Brittany Gannon
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ADDENDA #1: SUMMARY OF 2013 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM



City of Shelton
Public Works Department
54 Hill Street
Shelton, CT 06484

2013
Pavement Rehabilitation Program

Attached list of roads that were completed by the Public Works Department utilizing the Five (5) Million Dollar Bond Issue

A summary of roads and type of treatment is as follows:

Milled and Paved	2.86 miles
Chip Sealed	11.70 miles
Micro-Surfaced	3.76 miles
Skid-Paving	7.20 miles (to be chip-sealed 2014)

Roads that were chip-sealed or micro-surfaced were crack sealed or skid paved prior to wear surface being applied.

Also submitted is a map which indicates by color what type of work was done on the various roads since the Pavement Rehabilitation Program began in 2010.

The services of outside contractors and materials used for work performed by City forces were secured using the City approved purchasing procedures and requirements.

Submitted By:

Paul J. DiMauro
Public Works Director

