

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

January 21, 2021

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 006-21
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, January 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderswoman Stacy Gould
Alderman Joseph DeLucia
Alderman Derrell Wilson

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Nicole Doyle, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Design is on schedule for Plans to be completed this summer. Frontier attended the most recent utility meeting and the overhead utility relocation seems to be the critical path at this point.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – Project is out to bid with a bid opening in February.
- 46 Sunnyside Ave– Demolition complete.
- 21 Fairmont – Demolition complete.
- Granite Mill building – Demolition is in process and going well.
- New London Tpke (north end) City awaiting formal DOT authorization.
- Dunham St – DOT is reviewing, plan to bid for this construction season.
- Laurel Hill Fire Department retaining wall repair – received proposal from NE Jeppesen. Evaluating proposal and expected to begin work in February.

B. Property Disposition

- McLaughlin talked about 2 properties which the City recently foreclosed on: 98 Washington St and 33 East Cliff St. Deanna Rhodes will be reviewing and forwarding to other City Departments for recommendations.

C. Public Works Vehicular concerns

- Baltic St. – The Police Chief sent an email to the committee regarding the occurrence of speeding. Police patrol units in the area have been made aware of the concerns.
- Hunters Rd– DeLucia created a power point presentation for Hunters Rd regarding the concerns of tractor trailer trucks using Hunters Rd and safety hazards. Discussions focused on the narrow width of the intersection and possible need for improvements. Short term solutions focused on better outreach with the community and possible coordination with Google maps to discourage trucks from using this route.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Gould gave accolades to the Public Works Department and the Mohegan Park Improvement & Development Advisory Committee for their contribution to the Disc Golf course at Mohegan Park. A grand opening is expected in March.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- McLaughlin discussed the application he submitted to FEMA regarding the removal of the Upper Falls Dam for the purpose of flood mitigation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould)



FB Patrick J. McLaughlin, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

Alderman Joseph DeLucia (Chair), Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Alderman Derell Wilson
Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner