

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

August 19, 2020

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 121-20
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE -
DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderwoman Stacy Gould
Alderman Joseph DeLucia
Alderman Derrell Wilson

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
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 March 16, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson, Second: DeLucia)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT - None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – design process and permit stage. Keeping on track with virtual meetings. DEEP and DOT are fine tuning the water handling. Semi-final design due in late September and on target to start construction 2022/2023.
- Sunnyside Bridge – work is going smoothly and slightly ahead of schedule; with the next 3-4 weeks the bridge will be closed almost daily. DeLucia asked about the communication to fire services of the Bridge closure especially for any emergencies. McLaughlin said notifications go out daily, and in case of emergency, the bridge can be re-opened in a timely fashion.
- Annual Paving – finished in the Greenville area. Next week due to start paving Chestnuts St and Willow St. Need to wait for NPU to finish work over on Teddy Lane. Wilson asked about finishing curbing work in Greenville and McLaughlin said yes the crew will be back to finish curb work.
- Dunham Street –delayed due to DOT review.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – working on Flood Management Certification.
- New London Tpke - LOTCIP project with Montville, looked upon favorably by Town Council of Governments and funding is approved. Next step – submit preliminary design.
- Chip Seal - completed chip seal on various roads on July 15th.
- Boswell Ave CDBG – awarded sidewalk project, funding due in Oct & design work to begin.
- City Hall Slate Roof project – bid awarded and starting design phase.
- Lakeside Pavilion – large tree fell on the pavilion back in July. Repairs are being done and Insurance is covering most of the cost.

- 23 Union – ADA entrance is finished.
- Granite Mill – finalizing the demolition plans and out to bid in the next few weeks.
- Fleet Maintenance Garage – asbestos abatement awarded to Weise Construction.
- 46 Sunnyside Ave– bid for demolition will be open Friday.
- 270 West Thames – preparing bid documents for demolition.
- Central Ave –auto hit and damaged a wall. Work to repair wall is awarded and will start soon.
- Stop Signs on Asylum St – new stop signs, with flashing lights, were installed in July and we have received positive feedback.

B. Property Disposition

- 21 Fairmount Street – Committee members have had discussions with Deanna Rhodes and Dangerous Buildings committee regarding the condition of the property and no parking. Gould motioned to bring the recommendation to demolish this property to City Council; Wilson seconded and a unanimous agreement to proceed with the recommendation to demolish property, due to condition and no parking.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vehicular traffic concerns in Greeneville

- DeLucia & Wilson received concerns from residents: since the roads have been re-paved, traffic is traveling faster and not stopping at certain stop signs. McLaughlin suggested a traffic study with the Traffic Authority with the intent of adding a four way stop sign at the intersection of Hickory & Prospect Streets. Discuss these concerns with the Police Department and request increased patrols.

B. Waterfowl concerns at Howard T Brown Park

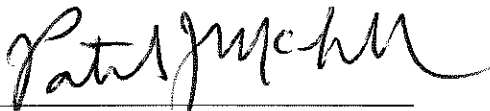
- DeLucia received complaints from residents regarding people feeding waterfowl and the amount of waterfowl droppings at HTB Park. Suggestions to increase awareness to remind people do not feed the wildlife– post notice on City Facebook page, City of Norwich Website and include information insert in NPU invoices

6. OTHER BUSINESS -

- DeLucia, Wilson and Gould – expressed their appreciation to the Public Works Department for their response to Tropical Storm Isaias. McLaughlin stated that Public Works implemented an emergency brush pick up, which is going well.
- DeLucia asked did Isaias affect the condition of the storm drains, since the drains were recently cleaned. McLaughlin answered, we didn't have much rain with the storm, and the condition of the drains shouldn't be a problem, but we will continue to monitor for issues.
- Wilson mentioned concerns with the recycling service. McLaughlin stated that since COVID, the volume of recycling has increased and we are working with Willimantic Waste to handle the increase.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Gould, Second: Wilson)



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