

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: City Clerk
From: Director of Public Works
File No.: PWD 136-18
Subject: **MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the conference room at Public Works Headquarters, 50 Clinton Avenue. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderwoman Stacy Gould (Chair)
Mayor Peter Nystrom
Alderman Sam Browning

Administration

Ryan E. Thompson, Director Public Works
Patrick J. McLaughlin, City Engineer

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The meeting minutes of August 20, 2018 were approved.
(Motion: Gould Second: Nystrom)

3. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** None

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Plaques and Monuments

- i. After discussion with corporation counsel and others, it was determined that there are no restrictions as to who can obtain plaques for the Rose Garden.
- ii. Alderwoman Gould is continuing to reach out to Ms. Cilley concerning the Monroe Cilley Bench.
- iii. The Sikh monument proposal is still in review.
- iv. Timeline not urgent on moving the plaque concerning President Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address. Where to place it and how to secure it still needs to be resolved.
- v. Mohegan Park Committee has voted to drop the water table of the pond in an effort to eliminate the invasive weeds. The Committee

would also like to seek advice from an arborist or similar concerning the removal of the wisteria.

B. Public Works Projects Updates

- Pleasant Street Bridge has been delayed due to a discrepancy in the plans versus the specifications regarding galvanized bolts. New target date is beginning of October. Lower humidity will favor conditions next concrete pour.
- Sunnyside bridge project is about to go out to bid for April 2019 construction. It was noted recent complaints by residents weren't due to city work activity. The railroad was performing work in the area that residents were not happy about.
- Vehicle Wash Station is on schedule.
- Yantic Lane Culvert project is complete.
- ADA entrance to 23 Union Street is with the Purchasing Agent.
- Looking into feasibility of bike lanes on Mahan Drive now that paving is finished
- Buckingham roof pre-construction meeting takes place tomorrow, September 18th
- Paving to commence on Quarto Road beginning September 19th and then continuing through the Alice Street area.
- Plans and pricing for the bathrooms in Mohegan Park are dated. New bids and pricing is in the works to begin this project.

5. New Business

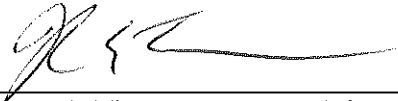
- a. Transfer Station Scale – It's been inspected by two different companies. They both have determined that the scale will need to be replaced. This is of an urgent nature as the support beams are deteriorated to a degree that failure of the equipment is imminent. This type of issue has a very limited number of qualified companies for the work. A price of approximately \$115,000-\$120,000 is expected for the costs of replacing the scale and associated costs including the set-up of a temporary scale since replacement may take up to six weeks.
- b. Mowing/Trimming – The priority list executed earlier in the season is still in place. Understood that there are still a number of complaints. Also noted the unexpected work, such as re-securing and grounds-work at the YMCA and scheduled events around city parks take manpower away from trimming and mowing. Priority plan to remain in place as it is.

6. **Other Business**

Indian Spring Road – Paper road identified as being difficult for fire service. Is in the CCD fire district. The City doesn't own these streets and the residents have been informed of the process to have the City take ownership.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 by unanimous vote.
(Motion: Gould Second: Nystrom & Browning)



Ryan E. Thompson, PE, LS
Director of Public Works

Distribution: Alderwoman Stacy Gould (Chair), Mayor Peter Nystrom, Alderman Sam Browning,
Members of the City Council and City Manager