

**CITY OF NORWICH  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

September 19, 2023

**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Director of Public Works  
**FILE #:** PWD 213-23  
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday September 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

**Committee Members**

Alderwoman Stacy Gould  
Alderman Swarnjit Singh  
Alderman Grant Neuendorf

**Administration**

Patrick McLaughlin, Director  
Brian Long, City Engineer  
Kendra Cook-Eggert, 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 August 21, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Neuendorf, Second: Singh)

**3. CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Public Works Projects Updates**

- Sherman Street Bridge – Project is on schedule for completion in August 2024. The abutments have been poured. Beams will be placed early October.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – Project started August 1st. Soils work is ongoing & a disposal site is being resourced due to the levels of naturally occurring arsenic in the soil. The contractor is trying to have the pedestrian bridge open to the public before winter.
- Annual Paving Contract – East Side area will be next, which includes Talman St Ext, Penobscott, Fowler Ave, Rock St & Hedge Ave.
- Armstrong Tennis Courts Parking Lot & Detention Basin – Work has started with materials on site. Tree removal for the detention basin area has started with excavating starting after tree removal.
- Lake St Basketball Courts & Lighting – Courts were re-painted.
- Master Park Plan – Preliminary recommendations were received from the consultant and reviewed with the City Manager. An informational meeting is projected to be scheduled soon, possibly next month, to solicit feedback on the preliminary recommendations.

- Lower Broadway Curb Extension – Parklet has been removed, and construction on the permanent plaza area to start this week.
- Floating Docks at Howard Brown Park – Work is starting Tuesday this week.
- Browning Road Water Main Project – Bid awarded to Weise Construction. Work will be starting shortly.
- YMCA – Public notice was posted in The Bulletin in regards to the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Agreement with CRCOG. Work should start after October 14<sup>th</sup> to allow for the 30 day public comment period. A public meeting will be held at 6 pm on 9/28 at City Hall to inform the public on the environmental remediation work.
- Chip Sealing – Completed. Public Works to remove loose stones signs that are still posted.

**B. Property Disposition**

57 Roth St – McLaughlin suggested to table this item on tonight’s Council Agenda, in order to investigate what the existing structure on the property is and previous use of the property.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Aquatics Center**

Committee members suggested a meeting to tour the aquatics facility in Willimantic to gauge public interest, how often the public uses the facility, cost to the public, etc.

**B. Discontinuance of Sachem Plains Road, from Mahan Dr to Old Town Highway**

The discontinuance of the section of the paper street would allow for zoning compliance for the bathroom facility to be installed adjacent to the new parking lot.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Citizen Comment time limit**

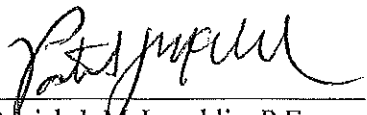
It was suggested that a time limit of 3-5 minutes be placed on Citizen Comments in order to follow similar meeting structures within the City.

**B. Sweeney Bridge**

Alderman Gould brought up the vegetation around the bridge. She stated that it was bad and needed trimmed back. The decorative sign at Exit 11 (Route 82) also needs the vegetation trimmed around it. DOT currently does the mowing around it, but they do not trim bushes or trees around it.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Singh, Second: Neuendorf)



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

Committee Members:

Alderman Stacy Gould (Chair), Alderman Swarnjit Singh, Alderman Grant Neuendorf, Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner