

**CITY OF NORWICH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS**

September 22, 2021

**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Director of Public Works  
**FILE#:** PWD 108-21  
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

**Committee Members**

Alderman Joseph DeLucia  
Alderwomen Stacy Gould  
Alderman Derrell Wilson had an excused absence

**Administration**

Patrick McLaughlin, Director  
Brian Long, City Engineer  
Tara Cardelle, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: DeLucia  
Second: Gould)

**3. CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**4. OLDBUSINESS**

**A. Public Works Projects Updates**

- Sherman Street Bridge – Advertising for bids will go out in November with bid openings in December for construction to start spring 2022.
- Annual Paving – 4.5 miles have been completed to date with the West Side area scheduled for the end of September.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – Contractor is paving this week which will put the project into its final completion stages.
- New London Tpke – Currently working on scope of work with contract negotiations to start soon with Alfred Benesch.
- Granite Mill building – Grading has been completed to help with stabilization, Contractor has started erecting the steel on the inside of the building.
- Little Plains Park – Bids came in over budget PW will need to acquire additional funds and then will re-bid.
- Dunham Street – Contract awarded to American Industries who will begin tree removal, utility work and drainage relocations late October. 3700ft of Granite Curbing has been ordered but will have a long lead time, not arriving until winter.

**B. Property Disposition**

- 15 Robbins Court – This property has been cleared out by PW and it was motioned by Alderwomen Gould to list it with the city’s real estate agent second by DeLucia. Approved unanimously.
- Hunters Road Parcels – Pat to meet with the land conservancy committee to discuss moving forward with these parcels.
- 98 Washington Street – Attorney has given the tenant an extension to have her belongings removed from this property to sometime early October.

**C. American Recovery Plan**

- Uncas Leap Heritage Park - will be sending out RFQ’s for the design work for the park improvements.
- Browning Road Water Line Extension – NPU will handle this project.
- Mohegan Park 200K improvements will be moving forward.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Flooding Issues**

- With 7.5 inches of rain in 3 hours there was an unmanageable amount of flooding. Areas have been prioritized pertaining to their severity. Pat has requested from the CM 500k from the ARP funds to help address some of these drainage issues. Washouts and cave-ins are some examples of the aftermath that we are still dealing with.

**B. Aerial Tree Truck Replacement**

- 1999 Chassis which is a total loss due to a fire incident. Pat to discuss with CM on how we can get funding for a replacement.

**C. Roadway Safety**

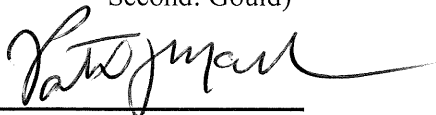
- DeLucia mentioned how residents have been inquiring about pedestrian signage being put along Plain Hill Road. McLaughlin will look into some options.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Merchants Ave Fireman’s Monument Park – Members had received a letter from the Taftville Lions Club requesting Public Works to assume the maintenance of the Taftville Fireman’s Park. DeLucia mentioned the condition of the overgrowth at this location. Gould suggested reaching out to different volunteer organizations to help maintain this area. She will offer some possibilities to the Lions Club.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: DeLucia  
Second: Gould)



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