

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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FROM: Barry Ellison, City Engineer

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SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in the Director's Office at Public Works Headquarters. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Pete Desaulniers
Alderwoman Deb Hinchey
Alderwoman Laurie Glenney-Popovich

Administration

Barry Ellison, City Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were approved as written. (Motion, Hinchey: Second, Glenney-Popovich)

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

There was brief discussion regarding the abandoned row boat stuck at the base of the Yantic Falls. Ellison informed the Committee that attempting to remove the boat with PW workforce was too dangerous and that PW will wait for the next significant rain event to push the boat downstream to a location that is safe for PW crews to remove. It was also suggested that perhaps the fire department would like to use removing the boat as a safety training exercise.

Ellison then briefed the Committee about ongoing construction projects. The following projects were discussed:


1. **Paving:** To date PW has resurfaced approx. 1.9 miles of roadway. Many streets and areas remain for this year's program, including the north side of Taftville, Boswell Avenue side streets, East Town Street area, Cliff Street area, Geer Avenue area, Wayne/Lambert/Flyers, Bliss Place and Julian Terrace. Ellison went on to explain that the Wayne/Lambert/Flyers paving would be joint funded with Norwich Public Utilities as part of the recent sewer and gas project.
2. **Dog Pound:** The dog pound project is approx. 90% complete. Major items that remain are kennel fencing, interior and exterior painting, and roof and gutters. PW is targeting opening around Labor Day. The Committee requested that the next PW Committee meeting be held at the pound. It was agreed that Ellison and/or the PW Director would make every effort to accommodate the request, providing the office space area is completed and HVAC system is functional.

3. CDBG Sidewalks: Contract to install concrete sidewalks and granite curbing along Rt 32 from Bushnell Place to Lucas Park Road was recently awarded. Work is expected to begin within 2-3 weeks.
4. Sherman Street Bridges Rehabilitation: The City recently received a favorable recommendation from SCCOG and CTDOT regarding 90% grant funding for the rehabilitation of the two Sherman Street bridges over the Yantic River. Upon the City Council passing a resolution of support at the July 19th meeting, the City will pass on a funding request package for the CTDOT to consider. It is expected that CTDOT will grant the request and a project number will be assigned. Once the project has an assigned number, the process of selecting an engineer will commence. The total project cost is estimated at \$4 million. There will likely be 2-3 years of design and permitting. Construction is expected to begin in 2012 or 2013.
5. HVAC System at 23 Union Street: The City recently received design/build proposals to replace the failing HVAC system at 23 Union Street. Low proposal was approx. \$225k. Project will be supplemented by a \$155k energy efficiency grant from the Federal government. Work is expected to begin in September.
6. Greeneville Fire Station Renovations: PW is will be overseeing a renovation contract to repair interior walls, structural upgrades to the apparatus floors, bring the bathroom into ADA compliance, and electrical upgrades. Contract was awarded to Mattern Construction at a cost of \$135k.

Ellison went on to list some other projects expected in the near future. These projects include the City Hall Annex ceiling and duct work upgrades, design for the City Hall steps renovation, drainage improvements to Yantic Lane and Mediterranean Lane, and additional CDBG sidewalks on Route 32.

Desaulniers inquired about the seawall project. Ellison informed the Committee that a contract to complete the brick paver walkway adjacent to the seawall would be advertised within a couple of weeks and that NPU and DPW are working together to improve the small wooden lookout dock. DPW forces would rebuild the stone wall at the entrance to the former Putts-Up-Dock facility.

ADOURJNMENT - There were no other agenda items. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. (Motion, Hinchey: Second, Glenney-Popovich)



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