

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

April 21, 2021

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 044-021
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 4:01 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Derrell Wilson
Alderman Joseph DeLucia
Alderman Stacy Gould

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Nicole Doyle, Accounting Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT - None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge - 90% plans submitted to the State and on schedule to begin construction April 2022.
- Annual Paving-Awarded the project to Charles Pastelyak Jr. Paving to start with Curtis St and Wilderness Dr., the last week of April.
- Franklin Square Roundabout-Awarded the bid Nunes with construction to begin early May. NPU is performing gas line work currently and expected to be completed in a few weeks. Could delay our contractors start time, but contractor believes they can complete the work in less than the 120 day time frame.
- New London Tpke - Quality Base Selection for the design consultant in process, per the DOT guidelines.
- Granite Mill building - Contractor working on the bracing plan, which they have until the end of June to complete the project.
- Sidewalk Ramps on North Main St - Replacement of sidewalk ramps in Greenville where paving work was done last year. Will be out to bid soon. Using Road bond funds for this project.

- Laurel Hill Fire Department retaining wall repair – Gould asked about the progress of the retaining wall. Looks only halfway finished. McLaughlin said, the project is finished based on the scope of the work. Bedrock face is left and is structurally sound. He will review the work again to confirm.

B. Property Disposition

- 36 Huntington Ave – Dangerous Buildings, Board of Review has previously reviewed this property and their recommendation was to demolish. Based on some possible historic considerations, this may be difficult, but McLaughlin will see how to best proceed.

C. Public Works Vehicular concerns

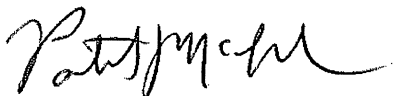
- Wilson discussed traffic concerns at the intersection of Central Ave & North Main St regarding the level of speed and sight line issues. With the restaurant and package store, cars park on both sides of the road, causing a greater hazard. Wilson thought extra signage could help (speed limit or slow down). McLaughlin will speak with Chief Daley, and CT DOT.
- Wilson received an email regarding traffic on McKinley Ave and Joseph Perkins. DeLucia described these concerns as a Police enforcement issue, more so than Public Works concerns. This will be sent to Chief Daley.
- McLaughlin had a traffic study done for the safe removal of street signals on Willow St, at the Chestnut St and Franklin St intersections, with 3 way stop signs as the replacement. Chief Daley has concurred with the recommendations in the Traffic Study.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

6. **OTHER BUSINESS** –None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Wilson, 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