

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS**

July 20, 2021

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 078-21
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Derrell Wilson
Alderman Joseph DeLucia
Alderwomen Stacy Gould

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Tara Cardelle, 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 June 21, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson,
Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

Beryl Fishbone drainage concerns on Bliss Place
Martin Casper drainage concerns on Bliss Place / Washington Street

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge - Design is on schedule, should go to bid this fall for construction to start spring 2022.
- Annual Paving – Otis and Perkins Street next, then Teddy Lane area to start in the August. Chip sealing should start Thursday.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – Contractor awaiting on curbing materials.
- New London Tpke – Alfred Benesch has been awarded the design of this project and scope of work is in progress.
- Granite Mill building – Waiting on steel to be delivered for the stabilization work to begin.
- Sidewalk Ramps on North Main St – Clover Construction should be complete this week.
- Little Plains Park – Bids have been received and are under review.
- Dunham Street – Bids for reconstruction will be opening on Wednesday.

B. Property Disposition

- 15 Robbins Court – no one has come forward to claim any belongings therefore Public Works will be moving forward with the cleanout of this property.
- 5 Belval Street – complaints of vegetation overgrowth, Public Works to get it cleaned up.
- 98 Washington Street – Pat will be meeting with the former tenant there on Wednesday to discuss a reasonable timeline to have her belongings removed from the property.

C. Public Works Vehicular concerns

- Central Ave Bump Outs – DeLucia mentioned that in the neighborhood watch meeting recently the members stated how very pleased the residents in Greenville are with the new bump outs, inquiring if there would be more done in the future. Wilson also mentioned that parking signage is still a concern to some business owners.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lessons Learned from Storm Elsa

- There was a noticeably less amount of flooding in certain areas of the city due to the pipe jetting recently done. Drainage concerns reported on Bliss Place will be reviewed for possible re-design of the pipes in that area, as well as possible detention in the upper portion of the drainage reach.

B. American Recovery Plan Projects

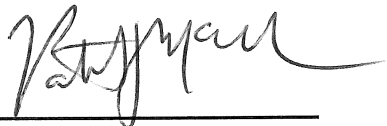
- Pat mentioned the possibilities for these funds which the City Manager had shared with the City Council earlier in the month, such as Uncas Leap Heritage Park upgrades, and the water line extension on Browning Rd. He also informed the committee about his recent request to the CM for various drainage projects throughout the city in the amount of \$1M, and adding a fitness course to Mohegan Park, redoing one of the playscapes and possibly expanding the disc golf course, for a total project cost of \$200K.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Wilson inquired about how we can reach out to the residence to inform them of the discarding of bulky waste.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 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