

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council Members: K. Poisson– Chair, P. Hoydick, S. Philips, G. Forrester,
J. Santi, B. Dempsey

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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January 15, 2015

The Public Works committee conducted a special meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. Call to Order at 7:28 p.m.

Presiding: Council Member Kenneth Poisson, Chairman

Committee Members Present: Council Members Paul Hoydick, Kenneth Poisson, Gavin Forrester, Brian Dempsey and Jason Santi

Others in Attendance: John Casey Town Engineer

II. Barnum Drainage and Streetscape Phase IV — STV continuing the final design phase of the project. The cost estimate indicates that an additional \$900,000 would be needed to complete this phase of the streetscape. In addition the sewer replacement will cost approx. \$1,000,000 as reported to the WPCA and a full overlay of Barnum Ave. upon completion would be an additional \$250,000 for milling and paving. The gap in funding the project will have to go into this years CIP.

III. Bridge update/status reports

- (1) Broad Street bridge improvements — The committee is still considering options for the height of the Broad St and Ferry Boulevard roadway as it relates to the potential benefit for flood protection versus the cost of construction.
- (2) Whippoorwill Bridge — The bridge has been set in place. This included the replacement of the sewer under the bridge. Paving will take place during warmer weather.
- (3) Canaan Road Bridge. — No report.
- (4) Surf Ave. bridge — Survey work was done. Periodic flooding is being studied.
- (5) Broadbridge Ave. Bridge — The Town has received the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and filed the final plans and application with the state DOT. Following their authorization, we will proceed to bid this project. To be completed in October.

IV. Bruce Ave. RR underpass drainage — At the November meeting, the committee chose the Alternate 1. This option will separate the flow from the Seymour St watershed from the underpass catch basin pipes, thereby allowing pressurized flow for the majority of the flow, allowing the open catch basins to drain a smaller amount of water by gravity. This will provide approximately 60% relief to the flooding potential at the underpass for least cost. Flooding of the underpass will remain during higher storm events. Weston and Sampson has proposed a

design and construction engineering fee of \$75,600 .00 for the Alternate 1 solution. An amendment to their current agreement is needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO FORWARD THE CHANGE ORDER FOR \$75,600.00 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Freeman Brook, Bowe Ave, West Ave. drainage — Freeman Brook project will be advertised for bid following final approval of the I-W application and subsequent administrative permit approval.

VI. Lordship Blvd., Stratford Ave., Honeyspot Streetscape (near Two-Roads Brewery). Currently, the grant for funding the round-about is being submitted. Property right and right-of-way issues have surfaced.

VII. Tanners Brook Widening — We are responding to subsequent comments from FEMA's consultant regarding the CLOMR application. Once the map revision is accepted by FEMA, the DEEP permit will then be resubmitted for approval. The area concerned is north of King Street to Broadbridge, along the railroad.

VIII. West Broad St. reconstruction — This design project has started, however we are waiting for input from the DOT regarding traffic projections related to the impacts of Exit 33, Main St TOD and the possibility of closing King St to through traffic. Once these questions are answered, preliminary design will be completed and we will schedule a public informational meeting.

IX. Wilcoxson Safe Routes to School project — report and/or modifications- We have asked the principal to have the BOE endorse the recommendations. Following approval on these recommendations, the consultant can complete the design for summer construction. Additional funding would be needed to complete these additional recommendations as well as to supplement the SRTS grant improvements. Discussed was: Parking alternatives and drop-off were reviewed with associated costs of an additional \$100,000 - \$600,000, which should be added to the CIP.

X. Barnum Ave. (near Pawn King) culvert — report study findings. - At the November meeting, the committee chose the Alternate 1 (upstream improvements only; widening stream to 20' from Bowe Ave improvement project to triple barrel culverts, which will remain in place at Barnum Ave). This gives us the time for assessing the impact of the improvements while leaving the option of doing culvert improvements at a later date if so desired. Weston and Sampson has proposed a design and construction engineering fee of \$200,500 for the Alternate 1 solution. An amendment to their current agreement is needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO SEND TO COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,500 FROM CURRENT BONDING FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. South End drainage update — No report.

XII. Coastal Resiliency study — We received a 100,000 CDBG-DR grant from US HUD to perform a town wide coastal study. We are preparing an RFP/RFQ for consultants who will work to supplement the statewide coastal study and focus on the particulars of local issues.

XIII. Report other projects

Washington Parkway Stormwater Pump Station- Final plans are being reviewed and will be bid following final edits for spring construction.

Access Road drainage project- This project is approximately 70% complete and should be completed this winter, weather dependent. Final restoration will be completed in the spring.

Barnum & Bruce Traffic Light- A purchase order has been issued to NYCONN for construction. The contractor is submitting the shop drawings for the work. Schedule for completion is weather dependent. The cost will be funded from the Traffic Light bonds and supplemented by the Streetscape Bonds.

Bowe Ave, Bruce Brook- DEEP permits have been submitted. Following their review, the ACOE permits will be submitted. Our field review with officials of both agencies was positive.

Barnum Ave West Ave Bruce Brook drainage- DEEP permits have been submitted. Following their review, the ACOE permits will be submitted. Our field review with officials of both agencies was positive.

Public Works Committee recessed: 8:07 p.m.. Public Works committee reconvened: 8:14 p.m.

Mr. Casey presented and circulated the sketch/map of Bruce Ave. RR underpass drainage (line item IV above).

XIV. Adjournment — Hearing no other business, Mr. Poisson entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary