

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

AMENDED* MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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February 19, 2015

The Public Works committee conducted a special meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. Call to Order at 8:22 p.m.

Presiding: Council Member Kenneth Poisson, Chairman

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

Others in Attendance: John Casey Town Engineer

II. Barnum Drainage and Streetscape Phase IV, progress report and/or action — No report

III. Bridge update/status reports –and/or action

(1) Broad Street bridge improvements- 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 are under consideration. The goal is to continue to develop the design and permitting, as well as provide a budget in the five year capital improvement plan for the construction phase. 4 Options were reviewed for storm event protection and construction. *vote not taken

(2) Whippoorwill Bridge — The bridge is installed and backfilled and is open to local traffic over the gravel backfill, although the site is still under construction with work to be completed in the spring including final paving, curbing, guiderailing, bridge rails, repairs to the stone walls, loam & seed and any other miscellaneous work. Some trees or shrubs will be installed as promised under separate work.

(3) Canaan Road Bridge — Mr. Casey met with engineers today (Feb. 19). It was determined that approx. \$500,000 is needed for bridge deck replacement.

(4) Surf Ave. bridge — No report.

(5) Broadbridge Ave. Bridge — Final information will be filed with the State.

IV. Bruce Ave. RR underpass drainage – progress report and/or action. Amendments are signed and the consultant has been authorized to begin the design.

V. (1) Freeman Brook. (2) Bowe Ave and West Ave. drainage – progress report and/or action. DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers are meeting re: permits, remapping of flood zone to FEMA

VI. Lordship Blvd., Stratford Ave., Honeyspot Streetscape – progress report and/or action. — No report.

VII. Tanners Brook Widening – progress report and/or action. CLOMAR (revision to flood insurance maps) has approved the project. Now to apply to DEEP and Army Corp.

VIII. West Broad St. reconstruction - progress report and/or action. The design phase is underway. The State is requesting improvements to the turning lane at exit 32 south-bound ramp. The engineers contract to be amended by \$25,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO AMEND THE ENGINEERS' FEE (Weston & Sampson) WITH FUNDS FROM THE WEST BROAD STREET DRAINAGE FUND AND SEND TO COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. Wilcoxson Safe Routes to School project/traffic improvements — report and/or modifications. Discussed: traffic congestion, child drop-off by parent, bus drop-off, additional parking requests, creating a one-way street. Council member Forrester, who represents the district in which the school lies, will set up a constituent meeting. The bus drop-off segment of the project will go forward.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO PROCEED WITH THE SAFE-ROUTE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT (BUS DROP-OFF AND INTER-SECTION). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. Barnum Ave. culvert — report study findings and/or action. Now known as **Bruce Brook widening**:- Amendments are signed and the consultant has been authorized to begin the design.

XI. South End drainage update – and/or action — No report.

XII. Coastal Resiliency study — The town has put out an RFQ for a consultant.

XIII. Report other projects — None.

XIV. Adjournment — Hearing no other business, Mr. Poisson entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HOYDICK, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary