

# Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Public Works Committee

May 18, 2015

The Public Works Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, 06615, pursuant to notice duly posted.

1: Call to Order at 7:51 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Kenneth Poisson

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

Others in Attendance: John Casey Town Engineer, Maurice McCarthy Dir. Of Public Works

Document distributed during meeting:

- Memo from M. McCarthy

2: Approval of Minutes — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of April 20, 2015. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER AND SECONDED BY MR. SANTI. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3: Report of Public Works Director: — Mr. McCarthy reviewed the above-cited memo which included the projects concerning sign replacement, pothole repair, road sweeping and catch basin cleaning, bulk pickup. Ms. Philips requests a road paving list from Mr. McCarthy when the list is completed.

Request for change order — Short Beach Complex ticket booth relocation — bid #2015-014 for the amount of \$54,723.00. The scope of the work has expanded due to road degradation in the construction area and replacement of road bed and removal of buried junk under existing road. Capital funds, previously approved by Council, are available for this project and change order.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO REFER WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION THE FOREGOING CHANGE ORDER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,723.00. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4: Report of Town Engineer:

- a. Barnum Drainage and Streetscape Phase IV. — We reviewed the plan with GNHWPCA as it pertains to the sewer relocation. We had originally designed the plan with the thought in mind that the sewer would be replaced. Since the sanitary and storm sewer was going to be replaced, the curb was moved to the desired location. The sewer will now be remaining in place, resulting in the curb, light posts, trees, drainage pipe and/or catch basins begin over or in close proximity of the pipe. We are making adjustments to remove direct conflicts with

the pipe; however, the GNHWPCA will accept facilities over the pipe. They will line the pipe and look at lining laterals in need underneath the sidewalks in advance of the construction of our project. Some extra design work is necessary to accommodate this and for intersection design at Bruce and Barnum for ADA compliance before we go out to bid.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO REFER WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL THE STV ENGINEERING FEE FOR THE FOREGOING REDESIGN/MODIFICATION PLAN FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Bridge update/status report

- (1) Broad Street bridge improvements — No new information.
- (2) Whippoorwill Bridge — Paving has been completed. The adjacent homeowner has requested restoration of the natural screening that was removed in order to construct the project. The screening consisted of overgrown bushes, tree samplings and tree limbs that overhung the stream and right of way. Some trees, saplings and shrubs were removed that were growing in and around the stone walls as well as branches that were overhanging toward the construction area. We have asked STV to come up with a planting plan that would attempt to provide screening, however, we can't recreate the amount of growth that was overhanging the stream and right of way. The owner is requesting that several trees be removed from their property and be replanted with new substantial trees. The original bid failed to include an item for loam and seed, which will cost \$5,600 re: 450 sq. yds of seed and topsoil. Funding will come from bridge project.
- (3) Canaan Road and Light Street Bridges — No new information.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO AMEND THE TITLE OF THIS LINE ITEM BY ADDING "LIGHT STREET BRIDGE". THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (4) Surf Ave. bridge — hydraulics – report. The consultant will be submitting a design proposal for the recommended option at the next meeting.
  - (5) Broadbridge Ave. bridge — The Town Council awarded the project and a preconstruction meeting has been held with the contractor. In the meantime a contract is in progress with the contractor.
- c. Bruce Ave. RR underpass drainage — The consultant is preparing plans for July bidding.

- d. Lordship Blvd., Stratford Ave. round-about, Honeyspot Streetscape — We have submitted the revised application to the state for LoTCIP funds and upon approval will advertise an RFP for design of the project for the roundabout and Honeyspot Rd to the I-95 ramp.
- e. Tanners Brook — As previously reported, due to the split of the project into two projects, the additional permitting and additional timing of the construction phasing, the consultant is requesting additional fee which was reduced to \$75,000 for bidding, additional DEEP and I-W permitting, coordination, other design elements and construction administration. Additionally, construction inspection and materials would be performed on an hourly or per test basis. In the meantime they are continuing with the permitting phase and have applied for the ACOE and DEEP diversion permit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO REFER THE CONSULTANT FEE REQUEST OF \$75,000.00 TO TOWN COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. West Broad St. Improvements - A public informational meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2015.
- g. Wilcoxson Safe Routes to School project —The design is nearing completion. The timeline may push construction to summer 2016.
- h. Bruce Brook widening — The consultant has completed the CLOMR application. I have appraised the City Engineer in Bridgeport of the status of the stream improvement plan.  
Bowe Ave. widening - The consultant has completed the CLOMR application.  
Barnum Ave - West Ave - Bruce Brook drainage- The consultant has completed the CLOMR application. The Town Attorney's office has completed the property appraisal for the drainage pipe and stream modifications.
- i. Access Road drainage swale – No new information
- j. Coastal Resiliency Study GZA consultant contract status — We have met with our consultant GZA to kickoff the project and with the Regions consultant to get updated on the status of the regional and town study.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO INCLUDE SOUTH END DRAINAGE AS A BULLET POINT ITEM. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- k. Freeman Brook – The Town Attorney has prepared the agreement to the Association and we are waiting for their signature to bid the project.
- l. Washington Parkway Stormwater Pump Station - We have decided to continue to

bid the project. The project will be awarded this summer and construction will start after Labor Day as discussed with the residents' representatives.

m. other projects. Barnum & Bruce Traffic Light - Due to conflicts and turning radii, the bump-outs originally intended at this intersection are not feasible so the alignment is changed in keeping with the rest of the project.

5: Old Business— None

6: New Business:

- Mr. Dempsey asked Mr. McCarthy re: Stonybrook field at the Henry Ave. extension — Mr. McCarthy responded that the grass was mowed, a light-the-night pole will be installed. The field improvement is in progress.
- Mr. Santi spoke of a light-the-night pole for Hyde Park playground area. Brush needs to be cleaned around the park.

7: Adjournment: Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Mr. Poisson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER AND SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Carol Cabral, Secretary