

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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November 5, 2015

The Public Works committee conducted a special meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in the conference room of the Birdseye Municipal Complex, Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. Call to Order at 7:54 p.m.

Presiding: Council Member Kenneth Poisson, Chairman

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

Others in Attendance: John Casey Town Engineer, Public Works Director Maurice McCarthy, Conservation Administrator Christina Batoh

2. Report of the Public Works Director — Mr. McCarthy reported the following:

- Sign replacing continues on a daily basis to bring traffic signs up to national standards for reflectivity.
- Road sweeping and catch basin cleaning has been completed.
- A list of streets has been compiled that are in the process of being milled and resurfaced. Project will be completed in about 2 weeks.
- Vehicles and equipment are being prepared for winter operations.
- Leaf pickup starts Monday Nov. 9 and will continue into December if necessary.

3. Report of the Town Engineer

a. Barnum Drainage and Streetscape Phase IV- Bids were received October 7, 2015 as tabulated below:

Mark IV Construction	2,175,170.30
Dalling Construction	2,297,818.50
G. Pic & Sons Construction	2,429,709.00
M Rondano Inc.	2,432,760.00
Star Construction	2,621,802.50
Complete Construction	2,645,161.50

As requested by the Town Attorney, we checked references of the two low bids. An internet search of both companies resulted in articles reporting on negative issues from the low bidder in Milford, Bridgeport and Trumbull in the recent past. No articles came up immediately for the second low bidder.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO SELECT DALLING CONTRUCTION AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2,297,818.50 FOR THE DRAINAGE AND STREETScape PHASE IV. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Bridge updates — status report and/or action

- (1) Broad Street bridge[ort improvements — No report.
- (2) Whippoorwill Bridge- We met with the consultant regarding new landscaping and reviewed the plan with the owner. The owner is requesting the Town to remove all the hemlocks lining the street along her property and replace these and other screening lost during construction. A plan for this has been developed and the public works dept. will be assisting the tree removal effort. We also met with the State DOT who recommended that fencing be added to the wing walls but otherwise was satisfied with the project.
- (3) Canaan Road Bridge — Received Inland Wetlands and Watercourses permit approval for the deck replacement. Now going out to bid together with the Light St. bridge deck replacement.
- (4) Surf Ave Bridge - The engineer is working on the design. We have asked for input from our Coastal Resiliency engineer regarding the possible levee downstream of the bridge.
- (5) Broadbridge Ave bridge - Dalling Construction had planned to start construction mid October, but would not commit until he confirm the delivery date of the precast culvert units. His plan was to have the culvert removed so installation would commence the first week of November. As of today, the contractor has not been able to commit to a start date.

c. Bruce Ave RR underpass- We conducted testpits to verify the location of the utilities and will need to make some modifications to the plans for this drainage project. We are looking for Aquarion Water Company to relocate a water main that is constructed through the junction chamber and then we can make the design modifications accordingly.

Bruce Ave ROW — We are proposing an adjustment to the Streetline on Bruce Ave at the Wades Garage property to improve the alignment of the Bruce Ave / Stratford Ave intersection. Since the Town is now the owner of this property, the Town Council should approve this streetline modification. We are submitting the proposal to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 review as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO REFER FAVORABLY TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING STREETLINE MODIFICATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Stratford Ave Roundabout and Honeyspot Improvements - The Town has received submitted in response to the RFP for design of the project and reviewed the proposals with Matt Fulda from MetroCOG and Mike Bonnar, Purchasing Agent. Below is a list of proposals that were received from consultants with an asterisk for the consultants that were selected for interview.

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| Stantec * | Tighe & Bond |
| B-L Companies * | Weston & Sampson |
| Milone & MacBroom * | VHB |
| Urban Engineers * | |

Interviews will be scheduled shortly and a company recommended for design.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR IN-HOUSE INTERVIEWS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e. Tanners Brook - The ACOE with DEEP 401 Water Quality supplement and DEEP Water Diversion permits are pending and should be issued in about a month. The Inland Wetland permit has been renewed. The Town Attorney is working on completing the easement documents for previously negotiated construction and permanent easements from California condominium, however the association is questioning the need. Following receipt of permits and the final easements, we will bid the project which we hope to do at the beginning of December if easements are forthcoming.
- f. West Broad St Improvements- Town Attorney is working on the private driveway consolidation agreements as follows:

Cumberland & Manos property- changes in the proposed site plan on the Manos property have dictated changes to the shared driveway concept at or near the proposed light at the I-95 exit ramp.

Ross and Roberts & Dunkin Donuts property- discussion took place with Ross and Roberts about compensation for a sharing the driveway exit and a right hand turn in & right hand turn out driveway on their property located to the north of Dunkin Donuts property was agreed to.

No response from neighbor next to Hudson Paper, however, Hudson Paper has now recently communicated verbally that they would not want any changes to their driveways.

We are also proposing a ROW adjustment of the streetline at West Broad and Barnum Ave and are submitting the proposal to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 review.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO REFER FAVORABLY TO COUNCIL THE FOREGOING ROW ADJUSTMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- g. Wilcoxson Safe Routes to School project- The consultant has modified the design to account for recently constructed on street parking on Beacon St. The plan will be sent to DOT for final approval and then the project will be let for bid this winter, in anticipation of final funding and construction this summer. The town will need to hire an inspector for the job to inspect the work in compliance with DOT standards. Since the town will be paying for this work, I recommend having the inspection completed by our consultant who is already under contract- BL companies.
- h. Bruce Brook widening — submitted to FEMA for a CLOMAR. Has not yet responded.
- i. Coastal Resiliency Study- PWC hosted the 2nd public meeting on November 5, 2015.
- j. Freeman Brook-. The work is under construction and will be completed by the end of this construction season.
- k. Washington Parkway Stormwater Pump Station- Bids received came in over budget. The Mayor's office is reviewing funding options and scope to determine the most cost effective means to arrive at a solution.
- l. Civil War Monument — Agreement has been reached with vendor.

- m. Other projects — Barnum & Bruce Traffic Light- Currently under construction. The presence of ledge is requiring us to modify the footing design in order to support the new mast arm poles.

4. Adjournment — Hearing no other business, Mr. Poisson entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary