

# **PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Watertown Town Council was conducted on October 11, 2011 at the Heminway Municipal Center Conference Room, 37 Heminway Park Road, Watertown, CT.

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:17 P.M.**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Tom Winn, Katherine Duplissie, Paul Rinaldi, Elaine Adams

**Absent:** None

**3. Minutes**

Elaine Adams made a motion to approve the September 12, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Paul Rinaldi seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice vote except that Katherine Duplissie abstained.

**4. Public Participation**

Donna Senk, Owner Paparazzi, 681 Main Street

Ms. Senk presented a petition from the merchants along Main Street to protect, preserve and maintain the street trees along Main Street. She gave a photo of the existing condition. She presented Mr. Joe Bernardi, Brothers Tree Service who offered to donate his services. Mr. Bernardi stated that the trees were healthy and viable, in his professional opinion and that they were not damaging the sidewalks.

Judith Campbell, 37 Westview Drive

Ms. Campbell presented a petition signed by the residents of Westview Drive to have the town reconstruct the road. Subcommittee directed Mr. Cavanaugh to make sure project was requested in FY 2012-2013 budget and explained to Ms. Campbell the budget process and the importance of her and her neighbors participating in it.

Charles Berger, P.E., Town Engineer

Mr. Berger discussed the situation at lower Turkey Brook and potential options for addressing problem. He also discussed past efforts on Steele Brook and what the current status of project was, outlining options and challenges.

Mr. Rick Sarandrea, 21 Emile Avenue

Mr. Sarandrea expressed concern about a drainage pipe along his property boundary that he said is failing and causing flooding in his yard. Mr. Berger agreed to go look at situation.

Candy and Thomas Anderson, 20 Bussemey Avenue

The Andersons expressed concerns about the water flow on lower Turkey Brook that was washing away their property. Mr. Berger is looking into funding options and permitting requirements.

George and Dawn Hinman, 20 Bussemey Avenue

Mr. Hinman also expressed concern about water from lower Turkey Brook damaging his property and taking away his back yard. Mr. Berger is looking into funding options and permitting requirements.

Mr. Paul Richmond, 79 Vaill Road

Mr. Richmond had concerns about water draining from town drainage system into his drainage system and damaging his property. Subcommittee directed Mr. Cavanaugh to make sure project was requested in FY 2012-2013 budget and explained to Mr. Richmond the budget process and the importance of him and his neighbors participating in it.

Ms. Sue Adkins, 554 Main Street

Ms. Adkins was concerned about the Steele Brook flooding.

Day and Craig Palmer, 49 Knight Street

The Palmers expressed concern about the Knight Street flooding and Steele Brook.

## **5. Correspondence**

The attached list of correspondence was reviewed and discussed. Elaine Adams made a motion to accept the correspondence as submitted. Paul Rinaldi seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Old Business**

#### **6A. Review Engineering Division Status**

Mr. Cavanaugh reviewed attached memo. Subcommittee discussion on options for Turkey Brook and Steele Brook flooding and potential courses of corrective action.

#### **6B. Highway Maintenance Program Status**

Mr. Cavanaugh briefed Subcommittee on Highway Division status and projected work schedule.

#### **6C. Solid Waste Division Status**

Mr. Cavanaugh discussed Solid Waste Division Status and briefly discussed Connecticut Department of energy and Environmental Protection request that town withdraw individual permit to construct the transfer station and apply for a general permit.

**6D. French Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project**

Mr. Cavanaugh briefed subcommittee on status of French Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project Status. Minor pavement repairs to be done this month to complete project.

**6E. Skilton Road Bridge**

Still awaiting DOT consultant to send proposed contract between town and Road Haestad, Inc.

**6F. CRRA Status**

Mr. Cavanaugh briefed Subcommittee on status of closure of CRRA Mid Connecticut Project. Subcommittee discussed Tier 1 short term (5 year) versus long term (15 year) contract. Consensus was to recommend that the Watertown Town Council accept the long-term agreement.

**6G. Add Vaill Road to 2003 Public Works Bond Project List**

Subcommittee previously directed Mr. Cavanaugh to provide detailed cost estimate of proposed project and financial update on bond project status prior to making decision on project. Orient Drainage Improvements has been bid out. Hillcrest by Hamel Drainage project has not yet been bid, so final numbers are not yet in.

**6H. Hurricane Irene and FEMA**

Mr. Cavanaugh briefed subcommittee on recovery from Hurricane Irene and FEMA reimbursement submissions.

**New Business**

**7A. Main Street Street Trees**

Paul Rinaldi made a motion to add this item to agenda, which was seconded by Katherine Duplissie. By voice vote the motion was passed unanimously. Katherine Duplissie made a motion to accept the Brothers Tree Service offer to maintain trees by trimming on Main Street which was seconded by Paul Rinaldi. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Transfers and Appropriations**

**8A. Skilton Road Bridge**

Elaine Adams made a motion to request an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$14,763 for the balance of the funds that will be required for Roald Haestad, Inc. to complete the engineering services, which was seconded by Katherine Duplissie. By voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Elaine Adams made a motion to request a transfer from line item 010-50361-033=1561, Recycling into line item 010-50529-033-2216 Environmental Remediation for the purpose of the completion of the Environmental Risk Assessment by Fuss & O'Neill at the landfill as mandated by the Stewardship Permit from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Katherine Duplissie seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice vote.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Winn  
Chairperson

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Roy E. Cavanaugh, P.E.  
Secretary