

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MAY 3, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE:** Andrew Conroy, Chair; Fred Bondi; Douglas Hempstead;  
Laurel Lindstrom; Kelly Straniti; John Tobin

**STAFF:** Hal Alvord, Director

**OTHERS:** Diane Lauricella

Mr. Conroy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Public input (Visitors to the Committee meeting may speak to any item on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.)

Ms. Lauricella said that she was here to make two requests: She asked that the project updates and the April reports be scanned so the public could see them on line. She also asked for clarification to the April minutes regarding the pottery building. She noted that there are Zoning violations to that site. Mr. Conroy told her that Zoning went out and did what was necessary. He said most of the assigned tasks have been accomplished. Ms. Lauricella requested a copy of the tasks.

Ms. Lauricella said that she was here because of the public input portion of the April minutes. She said that she wants the Common Council to know that it is important not to violate Zoning regulations, but in her opinion the appearance of the tress will not harm the shellfish beds. Mr. Conroy told Ms. Lauricella that this is an issue for the Conservation Commission. She said that they do not take up salt water issues. She said that she will talk to Mr. DiScala and will e-mail each committee member about clarifying things that were said that are not factual.

Ms. Lauricella said that there are other sites with on-going issues such as Platt Street where the City turned their back on the residents.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Project Updates - See attached project status sheet.

### **Bridges:**

Mr. Hempstead asked for an update on East Rocks Road. Mr. Alvord reported that they have poured the concrete and estimate that it will be completed by the end of the month. He said that he will get an update from the project manager.

Rampart Road: Mr. Alvord said that it has been misrepresented as a City project. It is a State project. They had an elaborate detour plan and it looked fine, but he heard from residents that it caused an increase in traffic. He reviewed the revised detour plan. Ms. Lindstrom asked how long the project would take to complete. Mr. Alvord said that it will take a year.

Rowayton Avenue Bridge: Mr. Alvord reported that the bridge is complete. The DOT and archaeology survey was completed. They requested access to nine properties; five of the residents gave access in writing; three did not and one threatened to sue. He said that the archaeology survey found nothing of importance.

Mr. Alvord said that they received letters from the Sixth District Commissioners restating their concerns.

Perry Avenue and James Street Bridges: Mr. Alvord reported that they expect to be under construction in 2013. They are both superstructure replacements but Perry Avenue will be widened to three lanes.

Mr. Conroy asked Mr. Alvord when Scribner Avenue will be paved. He said that Yankee Gas has to replace the cast iron main and they are willing to contribute to that section. They moved their capital budget to get ahead of the City so there will not have to dig after the paving has been completed. He added that if they can't get the main replaced this year, the section will be shimmed.

Five Mile River: Mr. Conroy asked Mr. Alvord if we asked Darien for their portion. Mr. Alvord said that they did not contribute their portion.

Fairfield Avenue: Mr. Alvord said that it is in the City's paving program. Mr. Alvord asked for an updated paving list. Mr. Alvord noted that there is a six year paving plan on the City website.

### **Drainage:**

Buckingham/Lockwood: Mr. Alvord said that the contract was signed and executed.

Keeler Brook Watershed Project: Mr. Alvord reported that this has been delayed a year, but may get started in the next fiscal year.

**Traffic:**

Mr. Alvord said that there are vacant properties south on Water Street between Washington Street and Hanford Place that can be used for an office area.

**Building Management:**

Norwalk Fire Headquarters: Mr. Hempstead asked for an update. Mr. Alvord said that Mr. Linnartz is coordinating between the DOT and the architect for the Fire Station. He said that he believes the property line and no access line issues have been worked out with the DOT.

**Roads:**

Ms. Straniti discussed an issue with Singing Woods Road and Singing Woods Court. She said that it causes confusion because there is no curvature in the road to differentiate between the two roads. She suggested moving the signage to make it more visible. Mr. Alvord said that he could fix the location of the signage. Ms. Straniti said that may be sufficient.

Smith Street: Mr. Alvord said that the Fire Department has requested that they do not install concrete barriers on the street. Mr. Alvord said that there is over \$8,000 left in the retaining wall account. Mr. DiScala is responsible for the other wall and he is aware of that. Mr. Conroy suggested that the Law Department contact Mr. DiScala about the retaining wall. Mr. Alvord said that Smith Street can be opened once the retaining walls are taken care of.

Customer Service: Mr. Alvord summarized Ms. DelVecchio's report of the customer service web interface and reports. Mr. Conroy asked Mr. Alvord to join him in a conversation with Ms. DelVecchio.

Lindenwood Court: Ms. Straniti said that the island stood for 15-16 years. Mr. Hempstead said that he would like to get this issue resolved.

Ms. Lindstrom asked about the brush pick up. Mr. Alvord said that one took place in April and another one should take place this month.

2. Norwalk Transfer Station (April report to be provided at meeting).

Mr. Hempstead asked about the transfer station. Mr. Alvord explained that a pick-up truck or full sized van has to go over the scale and set up an account. If they are a non-

resident, they will pay the greater of either the \$20.00 sticker fee or the tipping fee. He described how a resident can establish an account at the weigh station.

Mr. Hempstead asked if there is the ability to charge two tier tipping fee for non-residents. Mr. Alvord said that if they do not have a beach sticker, they are not a resident.

3. Additional information items:

**BUSINESS PORTION**

**\*\* MR. TOBIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY APRIL 5, 2011 AS PRESENTED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE AN ORDER ON CONTRACT TO DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR PROJECT NO. DPW 2010-2, MAINTENANCE REPAIRS TO THE NORWALK LPP FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$23,759.00. (THE CHANGE ORDER WILL FUND PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL RIP RAP TO CORRECT STORM DAMAGE.)**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 11 040 40270 5777 C0440**

Mr. Alvord explained that this is the flooding project. This charge is to place rip rap on City property.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR STATE PROJECTS 102-337/102-326, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR 102-337 AND \$90,000 FOR 102-326 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,000.**

**ACCOUNT NO 09 07 4120 5777 C0410**

Mr. Alvord explained that this is the traffic signal upgrade Phase I.

This Amendment will be reimbursed 100% by Connecticut Department of Transportation.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services