

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
May 3, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Keegan; Tom Livingston; Lisa Shanahan; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner; Darlene Young (7:09p.m.), Dominique Johnson

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Principal Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Michael Yeosock, Principal Engineer; Garrett Bolella, Assistant Director of TMP; Greg Pacelli, TMP

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll:

Dominique Johnson	Tom Keegan	Tom Livingston	Nora Niedzielski-Eichner
Lisa Shanahan	Darlene Young	Barbara Smyth	

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present. A quorum was present. The seventh Committee Member, Darlene Young arrived at 7:09p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

PUBLIC INPUT (GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022.**

There was no report on this item.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF GOVERNING USE OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL GAINS RIGHTS ON THIRD TAXING DISTRICT UTILITY POLES.**

Ms. Valadares reported on this. The City and the Third Taxing District need to have an agreement to move some of the fiber to the new poles that would be installed. The agreement needs to be formally filed.

Mr. Livingston asked if they were City owned wires.

Ms. Valadares answered yes. The fiber fits their traffic system. She said there are two (2) major fiber loops that runs from City Hall to the Operations Center and also another one that goes back to the Yankee Doodle Garage. This particular one is all the fiber that leaves City Hall, runs on East Avenue goes into Fort Point and makes it to the garage.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC, FOR PROJECT TMP2022-1 SIDEWALKS AND CURBING, HIGHLAND AVENUE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$770,750.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0441
 09 21 4120 5777 C0441
 09 22 4120 5777 C0441
 09 23 4120 5777 C0441**

- 3B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC, FOR PROJECT TMP2022-1 SIDEWALKS AND CURBING, HIGHLAND AVENUE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,075.00.**

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Mr. Bolella reported on this. The project is approximately a mile of sidewalk. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the sidewalk is on the East Side of the roadway and $\frac{1}{4}$ is on the other side. This project will have improved crosswalk, raised crosswalk north of Brien McMahon High School, flashing beacons, 22 curb ramps, concrete curbing, asphalt sidewalks, and they will work around school schedules so they will not begin until after 6/20/22. Once this project is completed, they will have the entire corridor completed. They will also have improved school zone signage as well.

Mr. Livingston commented that this is a great project. He confirmed that this work will tie into the existing project and be the same style of concrete curb and asphalt sidewalk and match the whole thing.

Mr. Pacelli and Ms. Valadares both responded yes.

Ms. Shanahan asked about trees and if there will be any trees added on the pathway.

Mr. Pacelli responded that they try to keep the roadway width to about 30 feet. Their ultimate goal is to incorporate bi-directional bike lanes as much as they can. They were able to create amenity areas where they have put in a grass strip. The goal is to get street trees in where they can and where it will be accessible to them. Once the grass strip has been defined in the amenity area they will move as many obstructions out of the sidewalk and put that into the amenity area and put street trees as well where they could accommodate them.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. DISCUSSION

1. PROJECT STATUS

- **ROWAYTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Ms. Valadares updated the Committee on the status of the project. The culvert should be delivered the week of Memorial Day. The reason for the delay was due to permitting. The shop drawings could not be released until all the permits were in place. The project should be finalized two to three weeks after the delivery of the culvert.

- **PAVING, CURBS & SIDEWALKS PROJECT**

Ms. Valadares updated the Committee on the status of these projects. Rowayton Avenue has been regraded. Roton Ave was milled last Thursday and paved today. She explained the testing for paving.

Mr. Livingston asked if they will be putting concrete curbs on Rowayton Avenue.

Ms. Valadares will gather that information and send it to Mr. Livingston offline. She said the rule of thumb is to put back what was the same style that was there before. She gave the Committee the names of the streets that would be paved. Curbs and sidewalks are moving forward nicely. There are two (2) contractors in town. 250 linear feet of curb has been completed. The total curb for this project is 3,80 linear foot of curb and 38 linear foot of sidewalk and about 35% complete. They are waiting for the utility company to finish the conflicts they have in some areas then they can finish the sidewalks. There was 700 linear foot of granite curb installed. This project is about 4,100 feet of curb and sidewalk is 15% complete and should be completed toward the end of June. The on-call drainage project is still going on. There are a few things they need to correct. There were some issues with the groundwater that was affecting all the asphalt on Belden Hill and so they sent out their crews to add corrugated pipe and catch basins.

Mr. Livingston asked about the sidewalk on Soundview off of Flax Hill. He asked if they were going to continue the paving up to Highland Avenue.

Ms. Valadares responded that they would stop at Soundview because they will not make it to Flax Hill Road. There are a couple of things happening on Flax Hill Road right now. Flax Hill is a long road. It is on their paving forecast as an alternate, meaning they could add it to the scope at any time. There are two (2) major things preventing them from Flax Hill Road and that is because Eversource was doing their work there and when they finish, they need to go back and restore the road. TMP has a couple of projects for that area as well that they are trying to fund so they are waiting for that. That is the reason Flax Hill Road is not on the list but not forgotten, as soon as they have the opportunity, they will do it.

Ms. Johnson asked if the work on Soundview going to be done or is it up to Soundview.

Ms. Valadares answered that the sidewalk is completed. The only section that is not completed is Cliff. Soundview goes from Flax Hill Road all the way to Cliff Street, and the whole intersection at Cliff is being modified. This is a TMP design and DPW incorporated in the project, and they are 99% done. There will be a whole connectivity between Cliff and Flax Hill now. The paving of Soundview will come after this.

Ms. Valadares explained how the utility companies or contractors take out an encroachment permit so they can dig in the road and the requirement from DPW is that they only put in temporary patches. The reason is that the trench will settle. The restoration will not happen for a few months. Utility

Companies and/or contractors pays a restoration fee, and those funds are used to redo the patch correctly.

Mr. Livingston asked if Eversource will contribute to the cost to repave Highland Avenue after they have been there.

Ms. Valadares answered that usually Eversource does its own paving. Due to the sidewalk project, Highland Avenue will be paved by the City. The City will collect the restoration fee from Eversource and add that road to the paving contract.

B. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Torre reported on this. He said they removed 13 trees on school property. They completed safety pruning on 11 parks property trees, 100 school property trees and 20 City right-of-way trees. He removed 6 tree removal posting signs as they have 5 more years of life, and those trees will be monitored every year. 21 trees were planted this month, 18 on East Avenue and three (3) at the schools. He said his goal is to plant more trees than they remove. There are 12 nomo locations that will not be mowed during the month of May.

C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022

There was no report on this item.

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT -FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022

There was no report on this item.

Chairwoman Smyth remarked that during the upcoming Common Council Meeting on May 24, 2022, there will be a presentation from Anthony Carr, Chief of Public Works on the current flood mitigation projects that are going on around town. Woodard and Curran will also give a presentation on the flood problems and what might be done on New Canaan Avenue and the Ponus Avenue Area.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Shanahan motioned to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD