

**DRAFT**

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:** William Krummel, Chair; Douglas Hempstead, Laurel Lindstrom, Andrew Conroy

**STAFF:** Hal Alvord, Public Works Director

**OTHERS:** Diane Cece, Larry Ruttenberg

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Krummel called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PORTION**

Mr. Ruttenberg said that he was present to hear the update on Buckingham project. Ms. Cece of Olmstead Place for update on Olmstead/Fitch/ Raymond project.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

Bids are in on Olmstead, Meadowbrook and Noah's Lane project. Regarding Buckingham project, the DEP has expanded their scope of application and the Shellfish Commission, the Harbor Management Commission and other Commissions need to give their approval.

Mr. Alvord said that there were a number of Scouts from Troop #86 in Stamford observing the meeting for merit badge work.

Ms. Cece said that she wished to thank Mr. Alvord on behalf of the 2008 Pay It Forward Election Food Drive with his donation of recycling bins. It made a big difference and contributed to the success of the food drive.

Mr. Alvord said that the fact that the DEP had posted a legal ad regarding one of the projects indicated to him that the State was allowing the project to move forward.

Mr. Krummel said that Nursery Street was closed. Mr. Alvord said that the DPW was adding drainage to the portion of the road near New Canaan Avenue.

Ms. Lindstrom asked why the Calf Pasture Beach Road project was listed as “Delayed”. Mr. Alvord explained that the DEP had some questions about the terms used in the application. A permit was initially issued for that project, but with this delay, it will be started in the spring.

Fifteen trees were removed from the Calf Pasture Beach area and 26 new trees have been planted. An additional 15 will be planted after the road elevation project is completed.

Mr. Hempstead asked about the project at Mary Austin. Mr. Alvord said that he believed that the project would be completed next year. He then reviewed the other portions of the drainage project.

Mr. Hempstead said that he thought the Committee should stop for a moment to inform the Scouts as to what the group was doing. Mr. Conroy gave a very brief overview of the governmental structure for Norwalk. Mr. Krummel then explained the purpose of the Committee and how the Committee conducts business. The Committee then fielded several questions from the Scouts about the functioning of the Committee.

The Committee then discussed the Keeler Brook project and the drainage issues.

Mr. Krummel then asked about the Haviland Street Parking Deck. He noted that the completion date was later this month. The only possible hold up is the final membrane that has to be put on the deck when it is not cold or wet. Mr. Conroy said that he would like to thank whoever it was in the Department repaired the potholes on Richards Avenue. Mr. Alvord said that it was the supervisor for that area who had the potholes repaired.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if there was any progress on the Liberty Square proposal. Mr. Alvord replied that there was no new information.

Ms. Lindstrom asked about the GIS Master Plan and the formation of the advisory committee. The Department would like to be able to export the GIS information to the other City Departments, such as Planning and Zoning. Another future possibility would be allowing the real estate agents and other interested parties limited access.

Ms. Cece asked about the I-95 widening project and the upcoming informational meeting. Mr. Alvord said that the City engineers were working with the State on this project.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING**

There was no additional information to discuss at this time.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A SELF-PROPELLED VIBRATORY ROLLER.**

Ms. Cece said that as a point of order she would like to go on record as objecting to the suspension of the rules.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Conroy commented that while he did appreciate public input, as a point of order, it was not acceptable to interrupt a vote.

**BUSINESS PORTION**

**Approve the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of Tuesday, October 7, 2008.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 8, paragraph 3, lines 3 – 7: please change the following from:

“Mr. Alvord said that the go wherever they want. He said that he believes that they will not have to pay a tipping fee in Stamford after January 1st. They could also go to Meadow Street. Currently, Meadow Street is permitted to take MSW; however, there will be no restrictions after January 1st.”

To: “Mr. Alvord said that the go wherever they want. They could also go to Meadow Street. Currently, Meadow Street is permitted to take MSW.”

Page 8, paragraph 5, line 1: please change the following from: “Ms. Lindstrom said that Zoning has an extension request from Stew Leonard’s.” to: “Ms. Lindstrom said that Zoning has a building addition request from Stew Leonard’s.”

Page 10, paragraph 9: line 3: please change the following from “the City to return 123 to the State once it meets” to “the City to return 136 to the State once it meets”

Page 10, paragraph 1, line 3: please change the following from “consideration of reconfiguring 123.” to “consideration of reconfiguring 136.”

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008 AS CORRECTED PASSED WITH TWO IN FAVOR (LINDSTROM AND HEMPSTEAD) AND ONE ABSTENTION (CONROY).**

**Schedule a Public Hearing on proposed changes to Department of Public Works Rates and Fees. Public Hearing to be held on 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2008, Room 231, Norwalk City Hall.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Hempstead stated for the record that he works for Stew Leonard's, which has a garbage permit, but hauls its own garbage.

The Commission then had some questions as to why the recycling bin fees were being changed. Mr. Alvord explained that the bins cost the City \$7.00 and that virtually no one takes advantage of the Senior Discount. Mr. Conroy asked why the Committee would discontinue something that wasn't used. Mr. Hempstead said that he felt that the overall fee should go to \$10.00 and the Senior discount at \$5.00.

Regarding the reduction for the garbage tipping fee, Mr. Alvord said that City Carting had received a permit for Meadow Street and that the City did not want to compete with City Carting. City Carting is not interested in attracting private haulers to Meadow Street. If the City sets the tipping at the right amount, the City can generate revenue. Mr. Alvord then reviewed the rates and informed the Committee that City Carting had purchased Waste Management and Advantage Carting.

Mr. Krummel asked about the bulky waste disposal, which Mr. Alvord reviewed with him.

Mr. Krummel then asked about the Driveway permit and inspection fee. Mr. Alvord said that this rate was based on the actual man hours involved in the permit. He added that the contractor usually draws the permit. Mr. Conroy said that he felt it was a steep fee. Mr. Alvord explained that the inspector has to go out three times, first to measure, second while the installation is underway and finally after the job is completed. The difference between "Minor" and "Major" is the difference in the width of the driveway. There are also concerns about drainage issues.

Mr. Alvord then reviewed what an encroachment permit would cover and gave a brief overview of the remaining fee changes.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RATES AND FEES.**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 7:30 P.M., TUESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2008, ROOM 231, NORWALK CITY HALL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Technical Correction to Common Council Authorization dated July 8, 2008. Change Authorization from:**

***AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MILONE AND MACBROOM, INC., FOR THE DESIGN OF A CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON ROWAYTON AVENUE AT WOODCHUCK LANE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$79,500.***

***ACCOUNT NO. 090740215777 C0395 (FEMA GRANT)***

**TO:**

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**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Alvord explained that when DPW brought this item to the Council, the additional clause was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Alvord said that Milone and MacBroom had been doing all the contractual work on Keeler Brook. The contract has not been signed at this time.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION DATED JULY 8, 2008. CHANGE AUTHORIZATION FROM:**

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**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with A. J. Penna & Son Construction of CT, Inc. for Project No. DRG 2008-1, Olmstead Pond, Noah's Lane and Meadowbrook/Fullmar Drainage Improvements, for a sum not to exceed \$883,961.25.**

**b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Order on Contracts to A.J. Penna & Son Construction of CT, Inc. for Project No.1 DRG 2008-1, Olmstead Pond, Noah's Lane and Meadowbrook/Fullmar Drainage Improvements, for a sum not to exceed \$88,396.**

Account No(s)	0908 4027 5777 C0 422	(\$350,000)
	0908/09 4027 5777 C0423	(\$311,021)
	0907/08 4027 5777 C0302	(\$270,624)
	0908 4027 5777 C0421	(\$41,000)

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Alvord said that there had been nine bids. The list that was in the Committee packet was the list of the companies that Purchasing sent requests to, along with the postings on the City Website.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approve proposed revision to Chapter 94, Solid Waste, Collection and Disposal of, of Norwalk City Code and forward to the Ordinance Committee of the Common Council.**

**\*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Krummel asked Mr. Alvord what the abbreviation of "EN" in the Code. Mr. Alvord said that it appeared in the codebook and that he has not been able to get the company that produces the code book to tell him what it means.

Discussion about what could be disposed of in a landfill then followed. Mr. Krummel pointed out that the Crescent Street transfer was not licensed to handle Construction and Demolition debris. Mr. Alvord said that the same language appears in contracts and other documents with no confusion.

Mr. Alvord said that the major purpose of this revision was to make sure that everything was ready for January 1, 2009. He explained that only the State can certify transfer stations, terminal stations and solid waste facilities.

Mr. Krummel asked if the transferred material would be going to Ohio. Mr. Alvord said that City Carting was still discussing the issue with Wheelabrator, but added that CRRA was losing tonnage.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REVISION TO CHAPTER 94, SOLID WASTE, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF, OF NORWALK CITY CODE AND FORWARD TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approve proposed revisions to RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Hempstead suggested that 94-4-1a be changed to include “and/or their designee” after “The Director of Public Works”. This was agreeable to all.

The discussion then moved to 94-4-12. Mr. Alvord explained that a truck would be weighted one site, sent to pay the fee at another site and then have to return to the original site to dump the load. Now the change will allow the payment of the fee at the dump site.

A duplicate item was noted for deletion.

**\*\*THE MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITH THE AMENDMENTS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approve proposed schedule of Committee meeting for Calendar Year 2009**

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED THE ITEM.**

It was noted that the date for the Tuesday meeting in October was listed as October “67”. Mr. Alvord said that the correct date would be October 6th.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Wesco, Inc. for the purchase of a 2008 Stone WP4100 Self Propelled Vibratory Roller (with hydrostatic drive) and a 2008 CAM trailer, Model 2.5CAM612TT, for a sum not to exceed \$26,680.00. Account No. 09094031 5777 C0313**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Alvord explained that the City owns a small steam roller but that it was not effective. The heavy duty roller would allow the City to do more effective work on a larger area. He added that the price was very good for this type of equipment. The funds are there. The fleet replacement funding is already in place, but the Department can determine what items to purchase. Savings on other equipment has resulted in enough funding to purchase this steam roller in the Fleet Replacement account. Mr. Alvord said that he had just received this spec from Purchasing yesterday and he had intended on having this on the agenda.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION PORTION**

Mr. Krummel asked Mr. Alvord about the permit software. It went through the Council and was forwarded to the IT Committee. One member of the IT Committee asked why DPW needed this software. Mr. Alvord said that he had attended an IT Committee meeting today and the IT Committee approved the purchase. There was some question about the legalities of the software and Atty. Maslin has issued a favorable opinion. This will now be sent to the Council for approval.

**Old Tokeneke Bridge**

Mr. Alvord then addressed the issue of the Old Tokeneke Bridge, which is scouring. The center pier is sinking and two arch stones are moving because of this. If the bridge collapses, it would dam the river. Mr. Alvord said that this bridge has been in the capital budget for several years and the repair would cost \$600,000 and to remove the bridge would cost \$350,000. Mr. Conroy reviewed the history of discussions with the Town of Darien, which was not encouraging. Mr. Alvord said he has not had the opportunity to follow up with the Mayor about this issue. Public Works has \$60,000 in an account for bridge repair. He then said that there were some ways to demolish the bridge, and it would be easier than repairing the bridge.



## **Norwalk Transfer Station**

The Transfer permit has been signed by the Mayor and the application submitted to the State. The signage has been determined. The oil and battery drop off site has been selected. A brief discussion followed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. CONROY MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

