

**RTM Public Works Committee**  
**Interval Information Session with PWD October 13, 2015**

With 6 of 12 PWC members present, no meeting took place and no business was conducted on any planned agenda items.

**PWC Members Present:** Mark Adiletta, Frank Adelman, Brad Patelli, Tom Moore, Dick Poli, Jeff Marston

**Presenter:** Darren Oustafine, Dept. of Public Works

**Guest:** Representative of the press

Members of the Public Works Committee in attendance instead listened to an information update on the Abbey Rd. / Intervale Project which commenced 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Oustafine provided a recap of the Abbey Road Drainage Project going back to the original agreement commenced in 2011. The presentation was an abridged version of the information provided at the more detailed public sessions on the same topic this summer.

Project is located in the Noroton River Watershed

In response to the extensive flooding experience in Town in 2007 resulting from unusually heavy rain events that year, the Town commissioned study of the five major watersheds.

In the past, including in 2007, frequent flooding had been reported at the intersection of Abbey Road and Intervale Road

The Malone and McBroom Noroton River watershed study cited the Abbey Road flooding as a priority.

It was determined undersized pipes in the existing storm drain system in the area contribute to the periodic flooding and led to this capital project being initiated and eventually approved by the RTM.

Due to the inability to obtain required easements on a couple properties between Devon Rd and Intervale Rd. the more direct route for running the new pipes in the original plan had to be abandoned, and the project redesigned.

The revised route calls for running the new line instead down Stanley Road, which is less desirable as it requires much deeper (and costly) digging.

In the intervening years that this project has been in the planning stage, a UCONN study citing greater intensity and frequency of storms in this area has gained attention. As a result, the

project redesign also incorporates a 50-year storm standard, vs. the 25-year storm standard of the original plan.

The additional cost of both redesigns is \$300,000 above what is currently available in the Capital Account. The cost of each portion of the redesign was not broken out.

Mr. Oustafine provided a summary of the PWD services to the 35 Leroy. At this time he is not aware of any PW services being provided to the site with the exception of maintenance of an on-site storm drain and related pump. All other responsibilities for maintaining the property were shifted to the BOE back when the Mather Center opened. It was determined it made no sense to transfer maintenance of the storm drain and related pump to the BOE given public works has the relevant expertise.

Mr. Oustafine distributed a copy of the insert related to Back Flow Valves that was distributed to sewer customers with their October bills. He noted this been a requirement for a long time and in practice has been enforced since the public works department took over sewer connections.

At approximately 8:50 PM the information session ended.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Adiletta