

Minutes of RTM PWC Committee

Monday, April 22nd

Attending: Janet Grogan, Steve Anderson, Tom Moore, Mark Adiletta,
Jay Hardison, Richard Poli and Nina Miller

Meeting was called to order at 8:10. Minutes were passed around and approved with a short re-cap of Allison and Steve's excellent presentation. On April 23rd, Allison sent to us all via e-mail, the new price structure of Darien Recycling Center stickers.

Action Item for tonight's meeting was a review of Chapter 62 of the Solid Waste Ordinance of the DPW. The responsibilities of the DPW are Town wide with the exception of the BOE, Park and Rec., Police Dept. and Sewage Dept. Mark suggests we put together a sub-committee to look closely at Chapter 62 and think about items to exclude and others to add. What would we, as the PWC of the RTM like to see in Chapter 62? On April 23rd, Mark sent to us all, via e-mail, a request for volunteers for this sub-committee. This new group would want to sit down with Bob Steeger in the coming weeks to go over recommendations and have something to send TGS&A before our next meeting, May 6th. Steve Anderson and Tom Moore will lead this and take an initial turn at possible changes. Other members that express interest will join.

Question concerning which body in town picks up dead animals. Nina called and talked with Karen at the DPW office and indeed, it is the DPW's responsibility to pick up and dispose of dead animals. If you call the DPW with a report of a dead animal on TOWN Property, they will call George and he will go and collect. If the animal is on PRIVATE property, it must be dragged out onto TOWN property for pick up. The town does not respond to dead animal issues in the Tokeneke or Delafield Island private residential areas. Karen also very kindly guided me to a place on the DarienCT.gov. site where by clicking on the Citizen Request area on the home page, filling out the information and searching the drop down menus,

you can ask the town about anything and they will respond accordingly. I have gone through the process about a badly decomposed body of a fox on the Post. Rd and I'll have a report for you as to what happened at our next meeting!

Budget Concerns:

1) Reduction in Sidewalk allocation and list of priorities. Nina has talked with BOS member John Lundeen and Assistant Public Works Director Darren Oustafine to see if there is indeed a new priorities list and has seen lists from the papers, at the DPW office and from the BOS files. They are all different. The latest two from BOS and DPW, although different in regards to priorities, both exclude the Hoyt to NC Town Line (Leeds Rd. to Barringer Rd.) project. Reasons are difficulty dealing with the state, expense and prejudice from all the previous exposure. Both John and Darren expect more discussion and meetings about the projects and in fact, Darren mentioned that repair of existing sidewalks is under consideration.

2) Reduction in budget for striping of dividing lines on roadways.

3) Funding for overhang at Noroton Heights train station

4) Tree maintenance budget: How much is the responsibility of the town, CL&P and the home/business owner? Where is the line between where the home/business owner is responsible and the town? Steve to call Martha Banks for her help on this question.

A quick hello from Patti Bumgardner and Sarah Seeley, fresh from their respective meetings and,

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully Submitted,

Nina Miller

April 24th, 2013

