

Town of Darien
Public Works Committee to the RTM
Meeting: Apr 18, 2011, 8:00pm at Rm 213

Attendees: Mark Adiletta (Chair), Brian Rayhill (Vice-Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Richard Poli, David Kahn, Frank Adelman, Thomas Moore, Alison Stolar

Absent: Noe, Peters, Schulz

Meeting Minutes:

There were 9 of 12 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

1. Motion by Mark Adiletta to approve the PWC meeting minutes of Mar 14, 2011.
Motion Seconded. **Results:** 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain

2. The Committee held a discussion with Mr. Steeger (Director of Public Works). Mr. Steeger presented a document titled "Sidewalk in Darien - A brief historical perspective". Highlights include:
 - BOS adopted a sidewalk policy in 1993 that included sidewalks adjacent to State roads
 - Policy addresses rehabilitation only, not expansions.
 - Total of 26.9 miles of sidewalks in Darien. DPW has identified 19.7 miles that need rehab.
 - Town has a 25-ft right of way from the center of the road (on each side).
 - DPW has a sidewalk rating system that is based on location, trip hazards, cracking and patching.
 - Sidewalks have been identified as either asphalt or concrete. Life expectancy of asphalt is 15-20 yrs; life of concrete is 25-50 years. Costs to rehab asphalt \$120/sq. yd and \$200/sq. yd for concrete. It was noted that the Hoyt St sidewalks (if constructed) would be concrete.
 - The Town requires developers to rehab/extend sidewalks when a site is being constructed
 - Since 1995 the DPW has rehabilitated approx. 12 miles of sidewalks in Town.
 - There are no plans to add/extend sidewalks by the DPW. BOS will be the entity to prioritize and fund new/extended sidewalks. Historically expansion has not been a priority
 - A 2011 sidewalk rehab program was presented. DPW budgets an annual sidewalk expense. If the budget is approved and not reallocated, DPW will spend the monies in the current or future fiscal years. The 2011 sidewalk rehab plan includes work that was planned and budgeted for FY10 but not completed. Department resource limitations noted as reason.

3. A brief discussion was held with Mr. Steeger on FY12 DPW Capital projects
 - There are 2 design and survey projects to improve drainage. They are West Ave to Noroton River (Woodland Park area) and Intervale Road across Holmes to Noroton River. These are known flooding areas where improved drainage would reduce the problem.
 - FY12 budget includes \$47,000 to replace the DPW radio system. Cell phones were tried but did not work in all areas of Town.

Mr. Steeger was asked about DPW priorities if additional funds were available. He stated that they would use monies for

 - Emergency Alert Training
 - DPW inspections including right of way violations
4. A brief discussion was held with Mr. Steeger on the status of Bulk Waste pick-up. Volume of requests is low. DPW averages approx 15 pick-ups/day. Most pick-ups are completed by Noon. Q alert system on the Town website is used to request and schedule pick-ups using a Citizen Work Request form.
5. Committee asked Mr. Steeger about the maintenance traffic lines on Rt. 106 (a State road). Process is that the Police Dept needs to ask the BOS/First Selectman to authorize DPW to maintain traffic lines on a State road.
6. Committee had a brief discussion on the Flood & Erosion Control Board. Adiletta sent an email to the PWC from Mr. Flaherty about the establishment of a FECB. Rules Committee will be addressing shortly and will most likely assign PWC as a secondary on the initiative.

The next meeting of the PWC is scheduled for May 9, 2011 at 7.15pm in Rm B-3.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM based on a motion by Brian Rayhill. Motion seconded.

P. Kelly
Apr 20, 2011