

**Town of Darien**  
**Public Works Committee to the RTM**  
**Meeting: Feb 8, 2010, 7pm at Town Hall rm. 213**

**Attendees:** Mark Adiletta (Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Chris Noe, Christopher Piccaro, Richard Poli, Seth Morton, Allison Stolar, Bill Peters, Paige Ridley, David Kahn, J. Pullen

**Absent:** Millar, Rayhill

**Meeting Minutes:**

There were 12 of 14 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

- 1 Minutes from the Jan 11, 2010 were distributed. Motion made by Peter Kelly to accept the minutes. Motion seconded. Results of the voting 9-Yea, 0-Nay, 3-Abstain (Adiletta, Peters, Morton).
2. The Committee held a discussion with First Selectman Campbell and Public Works Director Steeger on the following topics:

**Flood Mitigation**

DPW is not actively working on the Baker Woods flood plans. Leonard Jackson has been hired to study 9 alternatives to the Baker Woods plan. Preliminary results of the study are due on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. The study of 9 alternatives is focused on maximizing flood protection with a reduced capital spend (Baker Woods project is estimated at \$5.5m). The study will consider alternatives that provide less coverage than a 100-year storm.

Redevelopment of the Golden property (S&S) may allow for underground water detention. This cooperative approach was cited as a new aspect to water detention in the heights. Discussions will continue between the Town and Mr. Golden. The DPW is not planning any capital spending in 2010 reduce the flooding problem is Town.

The DPW asks that residents keep the storm drains clear of debris and keep any streams on their property clear of large debris (trees, sticks, etc) from being swept downstream. Otherwise the Town will await any suggestions from the Flood Mitigation Committee suggestions before any actions will be taken by DPW. There appears to be minimal actions that residents/landowners can take to improve the situation. DPW did state that there were several private dams and waterways that are causing Stony Brook flooding but the DPW did not have authority to ask the property owner to remove/repair the dams or remove trees blocking the stream flow.

**2010 Budget**

No monies have been allocated in the budget to build a sidewalk along RT 106(Country Club Road to Barringer Road). The DPW is going to perform an engineering site plan and project budget for the First Selectman.

There are funds in the 2010 to repair/replace the force main sewer along 5-Mile River but no other sewer line replacement activities are planned (e.g. Stony Brook Pump Station). The DPW stated that the sewer expenses are exceeding the

revenues charged to the residents. The DPW is negotiating with Stamford for reductions in the costs to process the Town's sewerage.

Hazardous Waste- DPW stated that the Transfer Station does not accept any hazardous waste. If hazardous waste were disposed of at the transfer station, then City Carting would have to notify Darien if it was found. It is the responsibility of City Carting to monitor what the residents are disposing. The DPW did state that a closed container would be designated in the near future for the disposal of electronics (computers, TVs, stereos, etc). All other hazardous wastes should be brought to the annual June collection day or disposed at other local towns that will accept hazardous waste from Darien (Wilton, New Canaan, Weston, Norwalk, and Stamford).

### **Other Topics**

- Allen-O'Neil (AON) - DPW stated that no capacity study has been conducted by/for the DHA for increased sewer processing requirements. Expense and ownership of the sewer line and sewer improvements in AON would not be determined until the needs were fully understood.
  - ARRA monies- There are federal monies to pave parts of Leroy, Hollow Tree Ridge and West Ave. DPW is working through the administrative process to obtain this funding. The DPW is also working to obtain funds to improve the stairs and walkway over the RR tracks at Noroton Heights and to improve the Darien Train station.
  - DPW Service Requests- A resident can notify the DPW of an identified problem via phone during the normal workday hours. During off-hours the resident should contact the police. In addition a resident can submit a "Citizen Service Request" to the DPW thru the Town web site.
  - Extended Hours at Transfer Station – The Transfer station hours could be extended but a request to the BOS for additional funding would need to be made.
3. A brief discussion was held by the PWC on several topics:
- Summary of the RT 106 sidewalk activities including the public officials that had walked the area (Kahn).
  - Spring Clean-up status (Grogan). Dates have not been set but the Town will have a pick up in 2010.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

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