

Town of Darien
Public Works Committee to the RTM
Meeting: May 4, 2010, 8pm at Town Hall Room 213

Attendees: Mark Adiletta (Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Chris Noe, Andrew Millar, Allison Stolar, Paige Ridley, Richard Poli

Absent: Piccaro, Kahn, Peters, Morton, Rayhill and Pullen

Meeting Minutes:

There were 8 of 14 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

1. The Committee held a discussion on the Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the ARRA Stimulus Funds for paving roads in Darien.

- Paving will be performed on West Ave (from Herman to Leroy), Hollow Tree Ridge Road (from Middlesex to Hanson) and Leroy Ave (from Middlesex to Patridge).
- Roads are heavily traveled and need repair
- The work is competitively bid and will be performed in June 2010.
- The ARRA monies have been awarded by the US Government and allocated to CT Department of Transportation. Once the project is satisfactorily completed the funds will be reimbursed to the Town.
- PWC will ask F&B to clarify whether there is any financial risk that the CT Department of Transportation has the funds to reimburse the Town in a timely manner after the work is completed.
- Motion was made by Chris Noe to accept the Resolution. Motion seconded. **Results:** 8 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain

2. Motion was made by Mark Adiletta to approve the PWC meeting minutes of Mar 8, 2010. Motion seconded. **Results:** 7 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain

3. Brief discussion was held on the Spring clean-up and other Town-wide services offered by DPW. Faced with a 3.25% property tax increase, the Committee would like to consider several alternatives including maintaining current services, pay for service, outsource the service to a private contractor, and eliminate service&cost associated with the service. The Committee will ask Mr. Steeger (DPW Head) to estimate the manpower and costs for Town-wide Spring clean-up, the Christmas tree pick-up and periodic street cleaning. With this information, the PWC will discuss the appropriate next steps to consider other alternatives.

4. Brief discussion of the Town budget for FY2011. There is a \$2m Capital plan in the 2011 Town Budget. Mark Adiletta and Seth Morton will inform the PWC the amount of the Capital Budget that is allocated to DPW projects. We will discuss any next steps/actions at our next meeting.

5. Brief discussion on flood mitigation. An alternative flood mitigation solution for Heights Road was presented by Leonard Jackson. PWC will form a sub-committee to review the Jackson alternative and understand any plans for redeveloping the Heights Road shopping area. Mark Adiletta will identify the PWC members that will undertake this assignment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm