

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DARIEN
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF January 26, 2009**

The Committee met in Room 213 of Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 pm.

Present: Adiletta, Rayhill, Grogan, Poli, Ridley, Noe, Urso, Nizolek, Kelley

Absent: Berl, Piccaro, Smith, Voigt

Meeting Agenda

- Approve minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting
- Clerk position
- Chairman updates
 1. Drainage Study
 2. Stony Brook Flood Control
 3. Heights Road Drainage / Baker Field Retention
 4. Termination of Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority
 5. Road Maintenance
 6. Allen O'Neill
- Public Works Department Responsibilities
- Subcommittee Assignments
- Schedule Future Updates – PWD

Approval of Minutes November 24, 2008 Meeting

Adiletta requested the Committee agreed to waive the reading of the November 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Committee agreed to waive the reading of the 11/24/2008 meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, Noe moved acceptance of the Minutes and Grogan seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 7 yes and 2 abstained.

Clerk Position

Committee agreed to rotate the clerk position for each meeting.

Chairman Update

Adiletta commented on his meeting and e-mail exchanges with B Steeger, DPW Director as follows:

1. Drainage study – 4 of 5 watersheds have received funding. Stony Brook will be the first project with results due in February. Parallel study of the watersheds is ongoing and the topographic map is complete.
 2. Stony Brook / LaForge - problem in securing property easements, cited Lillan Terrace. Original La forge drainage construction designed for the rear yards of homes was changed to the front of properties thereby reducing the requirements for easements. Relocation of the sanitary line is completed. The Laforge trenching has started.
 3. Adiletta cited conversation with F Smith regarding what is the plan to move water downstream from the Baker retention pond.
 4. Baker Field / Heights Road Project
- Committee members commented on the number of flood control alternatives discussed over a number of years. Examples cited were pipes under Baker Field, raze buildings in the flood

area, garage at the train station designed to hold floodwater on the lower level and a pipe under 95.

- Discussed the solution of a pipe under the railroad tracks and then use of a culvert to transport water to Baker Field.
- Adiletta advised that B Steeger visited Hartford and received good signal regarding the proposed Heights Rd. / Baker Field flood control plan that is to be resubmitted. Committee members discussed their concerns such as will the water move fast enough to Baker Field, the cutting of trees, creation of a temporary pond could be an attractive nuisance. There was also concern about the down stream affect of the increased water flow.

CRRA & Dump Discussion

Adiletta discussed the new contract and provided the committee with a comparison proposal between City Carting and CRRA/Enviro. Based on his contract review, he advised that he had no issues with the new contract.

Noe commented on the design for a new dump entrance.

Rayhill asked if a tour of the dump might be arranged for the committee members.

Road Maintenance

B Steeger informed Adiletta that DPW had cut the annual road maintenance from 4 miles per year to 2.9 miles per year for 2008 due to the high cost of pavement in 2008. During 2009 due to reduced pavement price, DPW will go back to 4 miles of roads per year. Noe commented that 4 miles per year represents 10% of the town's roads and all roads are repaved every 10 years.

DPW Director – B Steeger

Adiletta commented B Steeger agreed to attend a DPW committee meeting to discuss the department budget and future projects.

DPW Committee - 2009 Priorities

Adiletta commented on the five major DPW committee projects for 2009 and requested members to participate on the related subcommittees and keep the PW Committee regularly updated. The five priorities are:

- Dump – management review and entrance redesign (Peter Kelley/Brian Rayhill)
- Heights Road drainage project interface to Baker Field (Chris Noe)
- Allen O'Neill drainage related infrastructure and signage/signaling related to vehicle and pedestrian traffic (Paige Ridley & Diana Nizolek)
- DPW Budget Process – insert active RTM committee voice in the review process – (Mark Adiletta & Flora Smith)
- Town Wide Flood Plan and coordination – Identify the parts and review the computer model of flooding in Darien – (Mark Adiletta & Michael D'Urso)

Grogan offered to be clerk at the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM

Richard Poli
Public Works Committee Secretary