

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DARIEN
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF February 23, 2009**

The Committee met in Room 213 of Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Present: Adiletta, Kelley, Nizolek, Noe, Poli, Rayhill, Smith

Absent: Berl, Urso, Grogan, Piccaro, Ridley, Voigt

Meeting Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Robert Steeger – Director Public Works
 - Update of various PWD project
- Jack Whitehead – Chairman TGS&A
 - Changes to Code of Ordinances, Town of Darien Chapter 62 “Solid Waste”
- Highlights from Performance Measures Meeting 1/31/2009
- Highlights BOS Meeting 2/10/2009
- Update from Subcommittees

Robert Steeger – Director Public Works

- Mr. Steeger Provided an update of various PWD projects
 - Noroton Heights Drainage / Baker Woods Detention Pond
 - Lillian Terrace portion on hold until Town can get consent on an easement from one of the property owners. Consent not likely to be obtained. Particular property not impacted by flooding in area. Possible this helps as less water will feed into the system. All pipe work completed two weeks ago.
 - Heights road project will be submitted to DEP March 9th. The Dam Permit will require a breach analysis.
 - \$500k (estimate) spent to date preparing for this project.
 - Culvert under I-95 not to be expanded. May be issue for the State
 - No easements have been pursued for Maple Street or other. That will not commence until after project approved
 - Detention pond will require major excavation and removal of many trees in area of proposed basin
 - Project cost is very difficult to estimate. \$6.0MM could be low. With current weak economy contractors may bid aggressively.
 - Scale House Project
 - Scale house project budgeted at \$87k. \$53k should come from settlement w/ insurance company (truck struck scale house). New house will be located on right
 - Excess will be returned to general fund.
 - No change to existing traffic pattern
 - Milone & MacBroom, Inc. reports for the Stony Brook water shed report expected soon.

Jack Whitehead – Chairman TGS&A

- Presented changes to Code of Ordinances, Town of Darien Chapter 62 “Solid Waste”
- Changes to text to eliminate references to specific entities or contracts to be removed

- Proposed to remove fee schedule from ordinance
- It was suggested action on this ordinance might set the pattern for future modifications to other ordinances by Mr. Whitehead
- Proposed changes to the ordinance had been prepared in coordination with town counsel and Mr. Steeger
- A sense of the meeting vote was proposed by Smith, with second from [Poli]. The motion was an expression of support for the concept of changes to text to eliminate references to specific entities or contracts to make the ordinance more accepting of standard changes in operations over time. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- A sense of the meeting vote was proposed by Smith, with second from [Poli]. The motion was an expression of support the proposed removal of the fee schedule from the ordinance and to have fees explicitly made part of the BOS budget process. Vote was 0 in favor, 7 opposed.
 - It was clear from discussion the committee was unsure of what control the RTM has currently or might be given up with regard to fee under this construct. The PWC did not feel comfortable heading in this direction with the perception perhaps that the RTM is giving up a check and balance. It was decided to wait for guidance from the Rules Committee on this item before taking action.
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Approval of Minutes January 26, 2009 Meeting

Adiletta requested the Committee agreed to waive the reading of the January 26, 2008 meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, Rayhill moved acceptance of the Minutes and Nizolek seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 7 yes and 0 no.

As PWC had to give up Room 213 for a scheduled Rules Committee Meeting, remaining agenda items were deferred to the March meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM

Mark Adiletta
Public Works Committee Chair