

Minutes from the RTM Public Works Meeting on Sept 19, 2016

Meeting started at 8pm with 10 out of 12 members attending. Present: Mark Adiletta, Frank Adelman, Patti Bumgardner, Jim Cameron, Thomas Moore, Brad Pattelli, Richard Poli, Mike Wheeler, Cheryl Russell. Absent: David Bayne and Jennifer Hite. Guest speakers were Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works and Frank Kemp, Chairman of TGS&A.

Chairman Mark Adiletta reviewed the agenda and asked Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works to review the City Carting contract, give a DPW (Department of Public Works) update on the Recycle Center, an update on the Paving & Sidewalks Projects, the Intervale/Abby Project, the Swap Shop and the Streetlight Audit.

City Carting - Ed Gentile told us that City Carting signed a long term deal with Halliburton. The contract was going to be a 4% increase each year and \$94 a ton. Ed and City Carting renegotiated to a 2% increase and \$90 a ton. This contract will be good for 4-6 years. City Carting reduced us from \$15 to \$7.50 for revenue that they gave to us. (We charge businesses and landscapers for wood chips and to despise shrubbery but it is free for residents). We cut our per ton costs. City Carting cannot get rid of glass and Darien has 25% glass in their recycling deposits. City carting asked Darien to renegotiate the contract.

Recycle Center - Jayme Stevenson is forming a building advisory committee which will be for all town owned buildings. It will include 5 representatives from the public, 4 which have already been identified. Ed Gentile wants to start construction on the renovation of the recycling center on April 1, 2016. The RTM voted last June to approve money for the design concept. These concept design plans are done and Ed worked cautiously with the Architect on them and will be submitting the plans to P&Z, EPC, ZBA and the Architectural Review Board. He needs a big package (?) the first week of January and to get the contracts in by March. They need to demo floors in the summer so that is why they need to start in April. There was a question about what we will do with the Board of Education items stored there. Ed said if they need to be moved we will rent containers for \$150 a month to store the BoE items. He is trying to put into the contract that our own guys can do the demolition which will save a good amount of money.

Paving & Sidewalks - Mark commented that he saw more work done this summer than he could recall in previous years and we thanked Ed for his hard work, including all the new signage near schools, especially the signage, reflectors and new sidewalk on LeRoy at Middlesex, near Darien High School. Ed detailed the delay at Holmes on the first day of school. He had applied for a permit from the DOT back on April 1st and got pushback. He then met with them and pushed for the work on that road in front of Holmes which is owned by the state. The DOT's delay made it a tight deadline and that is why there were delays on the first two days of school in front of Holmes. Ed had extra police officers there helping with traffic and he kept Mike Lynch, BoE building administrator in the loop. Our committee all thanked him for getting a sidewalk on this state road near Holmes school. A question was asked why Route 106 was not paved to the end. Ed said it is because Eversource is going to redo the pipes next year and will be putting in plastic ptas lines, leaving in the cast iron ones, and so that road would be repaved when that project is completed. Ed reminded us that if folks in town have a request for signage or a specific public works projects, they should send him an email at public works and it will be entered into the system so you can follow the process along the way.

Intervale/Abby Project - Ed said this project is 35% completed. He is aware that residents are frustrated it is taking a longer time but they have to lay pipe 5 feet in diameter, 17 feet below the road and putting in the trench boxes that deep is challenging and they will run from Intervale to Abby.

Meeting adjourned 9:45

Minutes submitted by Patti Bumgardner

