

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ROOM 210
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Members Present: Councilman Todd Berch, Chair
Councilman Gerald Daley
Absent: Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Staff Present: William Russo, Public Works Director

Chair Berch opened the Public Works Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2012. Minutes were seconded and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A few members of the Westlake Association were present to address their concerns. Jane Harris, Chair of Urban Forestry Commission. She said she has inspected the trees that the City intends to take down. She agrees that the trees along the island on Westlake Drive need to be removed. She asked that we replace the downed trees with others more appropriate. After some discussion between staff and residents, Director Russo advised that he would try to get the project started in September.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5a – Fee Increase – Bulk Waste – Director Russo advised that when the rates were set up for Bulk Waste Fees, it was based on the cost of disposal of material plus a ten percent operating cost. Based on today's costs we need to increase fees by one dollar. Chair requested a motion to approve increase. Motion made and approved by Commission.

Item 5b – Westlake Drive – Tree Removal – Commission moved to approve removal of a number of trees on Westlake Drive.

Item 5c – Closure of Reservoir Road – South Fire Department and the Police Department have recommended that we gate the road between the two reservoirs on Reservoir Road. It appears to be a dumping ground for abandoned vehicles. Abandoned vehicles need to be removed on a regular basis. Public Works would provide every land owner in this

area a key to the gate. Also, a key would be provided for emergency personnel and State personnel.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Induction Street Lighting – Director Russo submitted an Appropriation Request and Resolution for approval of the proposed conversion of street lighting on behalf of John Hall. The Commission approved to move these items forward to Common Council.

Item 6a – Road Bond Update – Director Russo advised that work is completed on Laurel Grove Road and Green Briar Circle. Sawmill Road and Boardman Lane are being prepped for paving. Glendale and Sisk are also being prepped. The last streets to be done are Chamberlain, Chamberlain Hill and Millbrook Road.

Water problems are being addressed on Military Road. Newtown Street is getting new sidewalks and drainage. He went on to say that in the future, he hope to coordinate CSO projects with Water/Sewer to insure extra work is not needed.

OTHER

As there was no other business, motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. and approved unanimously.

Prepared by:



William Russo
Director of Public Works