



June 28, 2016

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at DPW Headquarters, 301 Broad Street, at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councillors Joel Kaddy (chair), David Clark, Paul Beauchemin, Angelo Bisol
Committee Members Absent: Councillor Jody Joseph
Others Present: DPW Commissioner Lenny Laakso
DPW Superintendent Gary Withington
David Duval

Action taken as follows:

Petition 207-15: Kenneth J. Matson, President- Matson Homes, Inc.- To accept Downy Circle, located within the Parker Hill Subdivision, as a public way.

Discussion: The Engineering Division has advised that the street is still not ready to be accepted. The Committee voted, 4-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 181-15: Councillor Michael Kushmerek- To increase the height of a city-owned fence on Blossom Street between the intersection of Elm and Mechanic Streets.

Discussion: Commissioner Laakso discussed an e-mail from Councillor Kushmerek stating that a taller fence is needed. The existing fence is only 3 feet high, so it would be easy for someone to fall over it and land on the ground below the wall. Committee would like Councillor Kushmerek to discuss this at a future meeting. The Committee voted, 4-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 185-16: Councillor Michael Kushmerek- To install a crosswalk on Pleasant Street, near its intersection with High Street.

Discussion: The crosswalk is for Longsjo Middle School students crossing the street to the paved area which serves as a playground. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

Petition 186-16: Councillor Jody Joseph and Mr. David Duval- To properly reconstruct Falulah Street to Benson Street.

Discussion: Mr. Duval stated that when Falulah Street was extended from F.W. Webb to Benson Street after 1976, it was not constructed with a proper base, and it has not been paved since the 1980's so it is in poor condition. He noted that DPW spends a lot of time filling potholes here. The Committee requested that Engineering Division provide a new PCI for Falulah from F.W. Webb to Benson, and that the cost estimate reflect a narrower width if it is possible to be less than 50 feet wide. The Committee voted 4-0 to HOLD the petition.

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Petition 187-16: Councillor Amy Green- To install a berm at 20 Linden Street.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington stated that a berm is needed at this location and would cost about \$500. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

Petition 192-16: Councillor Amy Green- To request the fence sections that are missing on Walnut Street be replaced.

Discussion: Commissioner Laakso stated that DPW has been seeking a price proposal from the paving contractor for this work since last year, because it is dangerous where the pipe sections are missing- it is a long drop to the river below. The work would cost about \$10,000 and be funded via Chapter 90. The Committee voted, 4-0, to GRANT the petition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lenny R. Laakso, DPW Commissioner
Clerk of Committee

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