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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
September 1, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: George Tsiranides, Chairman; Barbara Smyth; Tom Keegan; Manny Langella (7:08pm); Tom Livingston; Darlene Young; George Theodoridis; David Heuvelman;

STAFF: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Vanessa Valadares, Principal Engineer; Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Mike Yeosock, Assistant Director of Transportation; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Civil Engineer; Jessica Paladino, Waste Programs Manager; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Darin Callahan, Assistant Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Diane Lauricella via teleconference; Josephine Anderson via teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

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Mr. Tsiranides called to order the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. He stated that the meeting is being done by video conference. He announced all of the Committee Members by name and each member responded for attendance. A quorum was present. Mr. Tsiranides gave instructions on how the public comment will be addressed. Public comments via email or zoom video conferencing. Mr. Tsiranides began the meeting with the Public Hearing.

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Ms. Diane Lauricella began by saying good evening what a great way to end the summer with the Public Works Committee Meeting. She is in favor of having the increase of payment at the transfer station of solid waste or trash of \$5 making it \$90. She is also in favor of having waste management systems that are sustainable and also mindful of waste as well as literally financial waste, and being mindful of creative ways to reduce said waste or trash. She is not opposed to raising the fee by \$5, the system should pay for themselves. However, she believes that the Public Works Committee needs to immediately begin a serious discussion about some programs in the near future that would obviate the need for further increases of the amount in the future. There is a plan in the next cycle to go from \$90 to \$95. She said there is a program that is sustainable, SOC and DEEP is advocating for towns to look into called the SMART Program otherwise known as the Save Money and Reduce Trash also known as the Pay as you Throw Program (PAYT). It is a method charging for trash disposal based on amount of disposal. She said it is a globally recognized, single most effective action a municipality can take to reduce waste, increase recycling and reduce climate impact. She said our City could get points if they were to eventually adopt such a program. The State of Connecticut has a 60% diversion role by 2024 and will be here before you know it and she does not feel at this rate that the City of Norwalk will be ready to divert that amount. Ms. Lauricella said that part of her work is in the waste management and she began an adhoc Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition and is in the process right now of being on a statewide Zero Waste Coalition forming out of Hartford because they have a goal of less waste. She requested that in addition to their vote to increase from \$85 to \$90 that the Public Works Committee put on the next agenda, a discussion item that includes having Kristen Brown and Jennifer Weymouth to talk about Pay as You Throw Program. She said it is a program that the State approached the City over two (2) years ago and it has not been taken seriously. She said the time is now to take it seriously since the fees at the transfer station for hauling trash will be raised. Ms. Lauricella stated that she has heard comments from staff and she is sure they will hear it tonight that her adhoc coalition has requested there be a discussion about pay as you throw mainly due to the fact that the State will offer a free waste analysis of the waste streams. She said apparently Mr. Carr and others are not in favor of the program. She thinks the Council has a duty to check it out. The hauling costs are only going to get higher and she thinks the City has to look at modern ways to handle its trash management, more education for creative outreach and to put Pay As You Throw on the next agenda. Ms. Lauricella thanked the Committee.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Ms. Lauricella for her comments. He asked if anyone else wanted to speak and since there were none he closed the Public Hearing at 7:08p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input (Guests at Committee meetings may speak to any item on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.)

Mr. Tsiranides opened public input and went over the public input item on the agenda. He informed all of those signed up to speak to keep their comments to three (3) minutes or under. Monique Cipriano read two (2) emails received to be read during public input.

Monique Cipriano began to read an email sent to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Dear Sirs: I would like to have my letter read at the Conservation Commission meeting, Public Works meeting and the Planning Commission meeting next week. I would like to explain the flooding problems we have here on Cedar Crest Place and how the expansion of Colonial Village will adversely affect this entire neighborhood. We live at #43, the first house of a development of tract houses that were built in 1955 by Katz Builders. The street previously had been a dead end and was now extended to circle around and connect with Nash Place. They filled the swamp and put the stream in a viaduct that runs underneath several of the houses. It dumps onto the street in front of our house. When there is too much rain it floods the street and it becomes a lake. Building on a swamp would never be allowed today. The swamp did not go away. It's in all our basements on this part of the street. We have been here since 1968 (52 years) and we know firsthand the flooding problems we have here. If they cut all these old growth trees to build this expansion, where do you think the water will go that these trees absorb? Ten years ago after continuous water in our basement we spent \$10,000 to install a French drain in our basement and installed three sump pumps. We then spent another \$10,000 to dig around the outside of our cinder foundation (also not allowed today) to water proof it and install footing drains which the builder NEVER installed. All this work will not help us if the street drains are not able to take away heavy rains (which they presently cannot do). All these tract houses built by the same builder have had 6 inches to 2 feet of water in their basements over the years. Also, when you cut these old growth trees we will lose the wonderful canopy which not only cleans the air quality but provides us with much needed privacy. Norwalk has the lowest canopy cover of any town in Connecticut and now they want to take away the only green space left in our area. The tenants that live in the Village now deserve to have this wonderful space maintained so they have recreational facilities for the many children and teens that need space to play sports. They took down the Community Center in 2005 and promised to build a bigger one for the tenants. That NEVER happened! The Housing Authority cannot be trusted to do the right thing. They should build the Community Center as promised: Improve the basketball court, fix the tennis courts that have gone to trash, they should mow and bring back the ball field that was there. This project will do nothing to improve the quality of life for anybody. (The tenants and surrounding home owners). Please spend more time to investigate this proposal and you will see this is not a benefit to the entire community. Thank you! Claire and Thomas Sci.

Ms. Cipriano read the second email. August 31, 2020 Mr. George Tsiranides, Chairman Public Works Committee City of Norwalk 125 East Avenue, Room 225 Norwalk, CT. 06856-5125 Dear Mr. Tsiranides and Members of the Public Works Committee, I, Rev. Dr. Richard Wesley Clarke, Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and President of the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship of Norwalk and Vicinity, Norwalk, Connecticut, humbly requesting that Water Street be named in honor of the deceased Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson who served the City of Norwalk for 46 years (1959-2005). Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson was consistently promoted through the ranks attaining the rank of Assistant Fire Chief in 1998, appointed Fire Chief in 2004 and retired in 2005. He was a Norwalk native and grew up in the Washington Village Public Housing. He was a faithful servant leader in our city. He was consistent in supporting the

Youth of Norwalk in advancing their academic and vocational careers. I applaud you to give great consideration to renaming the Water Street in honor of the deceased Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson. Sincerely Rev. Dr. Richard W. Clarke.

Mr. Tsiranides asked if there were any one else for public input.

Mr. Manzi replied yes and introduced Diane Lauricella and Mr. Tsiranides welcomed her to speak.

Diane Lauricella stated that in the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting, under public input, page 2, paragraph 2, third line down, she asked to correct the record to replace in the minutes, wants to replace the word "rain infrastructure" to "green infrastructure". She said that she said green infrastructure which could have very well sounded like rain infrastructure but there is a very important distinction. She would like to request as a member of the Mayor's Water Quality Committee and a former Harbor Management Commissioner, on items 3a, 4a & 5b, she is interested to know if this important walk bridge related request has gone before the Harbor Commission and if appropriate, the Shellfish Commission prior to going for any kind of hearing because of their duties under the Charter. She asked about item 9a, M. Rondano was chosen as the low bidder of the On-Call Drainage Improvements and she mentions it because of the issue of green infrastructure. She said she reviewed many of the listed actual projects, she gave an example of project number 0219011A, a sediment control project. She said in the past she has asked Director Carr and others related to the Dreamy Hollow Project and other flooding projects, what amount of the work are they first thinking of that can include a green infrastructure project. She said green infrastructure usually has to do with utilizing vegetation, natural vegetation and other means and not the traditional underground storage tanks and pipe work in order to improve and slowly have storm drainage discharged. She said it is not a new phenomenon. The City of New Haven and others across the country incorporate green infrastructure in their projects. When you have a wide ranging requests like M. Rondano would probably get approved to do for almost a million dollars' worth of work, she would love to see what plans the department has for incorporating more than what is going to go on in South Norwalk. She said green infrastructure projects can be small. She is hoping in the future that every project has an opt-out clause for green infrastructure. She asked if the City has seen whether green infrastructure could be used before going with the traditional engineering hardpan. She said item numbers 11 and 12, yes for Sandy Anderson. She said she knows there will be a public hearing and she will speak at that time but Sandy was a great guy and she is happy that the request has been made to name Water Street after him. Under the discussion items, she said in the food scrap collection and compost program, she looks forward to hearing about the status to date. She said her question from July 7th has still gone unanswered by staff. The questions had to do with whether the City is getting any compost back from the food scrap that is collected. She said they did find out the costs for hauling but would like to know what the costs to haul per ton is from the transfer station. She wants to know if it is the same that they are paying in Rowayton. She said in the solid waste report it all has to do with waste, it is very important for them to take a look at the Pay As You Throw program. She said this is just the place on the agenda where a discussion can begin with City Council and staff about accepting free help by professionals to help plan for the future of their waste streams. Within the next year and a half, they would be looking at the solid waste hauling, the transfer station and recycling contract. She considers it a great opportunity and free help should be welcomed help when it comes to waste. She is still waiting for two (2) previous questions to be answered, on the contamination rate and the recycling program and she has not received a call from staff to discuss ideas for improving recycling rates as well as reducing costs. She wanted to ensure that their concerns are taken seriously. She thanked the Committee.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Ms. Lauricella and reiterated that the correction to the minutes was on page 2 of 20 where the correction was from rain to green on line three (3) of the last paragraph.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020.

Page 2, third sentence under public input change "She requested an itemized list of what rain infrastructure measures would be employed for the Dreamy Holley Project". to "She requested an itemized list of what green infrastructure measures would be employed for the Dreamy Hollow Project".

Page 13, sixth paragraph change "Ms. Young asked if they would be ADA complied". to "Ms. Young asked if they would be ADA compliant".

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED**

2. APPROVE THE INCREASE OF THE SOLID WASTE TIP FEE FROM \$85/TON TO \$90/TON SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FEE SCHEDULE.

Mr. Tsiranides commented that they are just matching the fees to what is being charged to the City. They are not looking to add any additional fees and they are not trying to make any money on this either. They are also trying to eliminate, not push away residents but more for the commercial industry as a lesser expense going to Norwalk versus going to neighboring Cities that charge a little bit more.

Mr. Carr added that with this is to take away the incentive from haulers in adjacent communities to come and hold their municipal solid waste to the City's Transfer Station. He said it is a two (2) prong approach. The first is increasing the fee from \$85 a ton to \$90 a ton tipping fee. The second would be to increase the fee next year from \$90 a ton to \$95 a ton tipping fee because at the start of July 2021, the tipping fee will be increased to \$95. He continued that in an effort to not fall behind in 2021 at the \$10 mark, they opted to break into two (2) phases now with a \$5 increase which will be only \$3 behind their current tipping fee and in 2021 it would match what the future tipping fee which would be \$95. Mr. Carr gave the amounts of other communities. He said Greenwich is \$112 a ton effective July 1, 2020, Stamford is \$95 a ton, Stratford is \$95 a ton, and Darien is \$95 a ton. He said they are not looking to make money off residents although most of this program does not apply to residents because of the one ton free and the pickups with registered pickup trucks. He said this mainly applies to commercial haulers. They think it is a good first step.

Mr. Tsiranides reiterated that they are not looking to increase the rates for the residents. He asked if the cars get weighed.

Mr. Carr responded no. Cars, SUV's and mini vans do not get weighed. He said they have unlimited disposal. He said pickup trucks, trucks with trailers and vans are weighed and also commercial vehicles.

Mr. Tsiranides asked Ms. Paladino, from her experience, if she sees out-of-town commercial businesses come and use their facility.

Ms. Paladino responded that they do see commercial businesses come in from time to time, especially the larger companies that do clean-ups and hauling between Norwalk, Darien and Stamford. She said if they have a schedule of work, they would sometimes wind up in Norwalk to dump because it is cheaper.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3A. 185 LIBERTY SQUARE (DOT FILE NO. 301-176-046) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A 4,016±SQ. FT. PERPETUAL COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MAP ENTITLED: "TOWN OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCALE 1" =20' JANUARY 2020 MARK D. ROLFE, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER – BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION", TOWN NO. 102, PROJECT NO. 301-176, SERIAL NO. 46, SHEET 1 OF 1.

3B. REFERRAL OF ITEM 3.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24.

Mr. Livingston asked about the issues Mr. Callahan raised.

Mr. Callahan reported on this. He stated that there wasn't a lot of willingness to have a dialogue about addressing the issues. He said that they want a permanent easement and he wanted them to explain the permanent easement versus a temporary easement because he doesn't see the justification in that. They said they need it for the life of the project plus some additional number of years which he believes is 10. It's the construction term whatever that ends up being plus an additional 10 years. He said it sounds like that maybe long but it is not permanent. He asked that they visit with their superiors and the response was no, it needs to be permanent. He doesn't see a reason why as they have not provided justification for it. The mitigation easement is really to preserve the riverbank so the portion that is covered by the conservation doesn't really impact the utility value of the land but there is an ingress/egress or Right of Entry access point from the parking lot that the City owns at Constitutional Plaza. He said if that wanted to be developed in the future, the City would have to go back to CDOT and work out how to address that access issue so that does affect the value of the land.

Mr. Livingston stated that the gist of his communication was it is not worth fighting at this point.

Mr. Callahan said as soon as this body approves it and it moves on to get approved by Council, he would try to revisit the issue with them but ultimately their position is going to be what they want. He said if the City does not agree they would just proceed with eminent domain. He said he was given a hard stop at that point so that is why he submitted it and it seems they were at an impasse to the point he needed to submit it but he is intending on revisiting with them after the fact.

Mr. Livingston asked what if they don't approve and they go through the eminent domain process, he asked if that would take them a lot of time.

Mr. Callahan said that it would take some time. The cost benefit analysis would assuming they want to push them to take that route. He said ultimately they would have a hard time justifying a permanent easement under the circumstances of eminent domain action.

Mr. Livingston said he is struggling with the fact that Mr. Callahan does not seem to like this but he wants them to approve it.

Mr. Callahan said he doesn't like the fact that he is agreeing to a permanent encumbrance on the land when what the State needs, as far as what they told him, is temporary construction, albeit a fairly long one 20 to 25 years, but it still does not necessarily need to be permanent. He said they reached a point to either bring it before Council and set forth where negotiations stood or to make a policy decision but he prefers to see it as a temporary easement.

Ms. Young asked if this is normal practice or standard practice for DOT to ask in these sort of situations.

Mr. Callahan responded that each project is different. He was surprised that the State was requesting something more than what they are telling him they need and being unwilling to address the issue.

Ms. Young asked if they disagree and not vote yes what will happen.

Mr. Callahan responded that there are three (3) options. The first option would be to prove it subject to DOT agreeing to make it a temporary easement consistent with what they are telling him. An easement, the term of which would be for a period of the life of the construction project plus 10 years, in which case, he could go back and inform them it was approved under this condition. Second option is not to approve anything and require them to first confirm that the term will be a temporary easement before any approval is granted and third would be to approve as is.

Ms. Smyth asked would there be potential harm to the City for a permanent easement and conversely what is the potential benefit to the City if they were to deny it and the State push for eminent domain.

Mr. Callahan replied the detriment to the City is that it is a parcel that currently right now is utilized as a parking lot and park area. He said it is hard to know what the policy would be like in 20 to 30 years down the road or what the land use needs would be decades from now or how the City's current Administration or Council will view that parcel or the utilization of that parcel. He said to have a permanent encumbrance on a parcel affects the ability to do different things down the road. They discuss this with their appraiser and settled along the same lines, why do more than what is necessary and potentially hamstringing the City. As far as development is concerned, he said if the City wanted to put a building on that property or even sell the property to a developer who could very well do a great project for the City that would make sense in that area, there could possibly be open space land use restrictions, so 30, 40, 50 years down the road, the City could be stuck with that encumbrance and wouldn't be allowed to do it. The impact of the encumbrance in this issue is fairly limited. He said it is a non-exclusive ingress/egress access to the compensatory easement area. It does impact the ability to put that property to different uses.

Ms. Valadares stated that at Liberty Square there is no access point to that easement and the easement is just for the wetlands itself for mitigation process. The other items will be the access route where it would happen through is already DOT land. She said from looking at the map, she sees them having the wetland mitigation that they need to do. The area is very defined and of course regulations can change but as of now, that area cannot be developed due to the wetlands.

Mr. Keegan wanted to know exactly where it was located.

Mr. Callahan said it is located at 185 Liberty Square. He said there are two (2) parcels. The City owns the parcel to the North and the 6th Taxing District owns the other. It's North of the park. It is on the opposite side of the State road there.

Ms. Valadares requested to have the map of the area put on the shared screen.

Mr. Keegan asked what it is used for at the present time.

Ms. Valadares gave some background on the Walk Bridge Project. She said the construction of the Walk Bridge had to do wetland mitigation in that area. They had to locate which areas they are going to improve and add more of the wetlands to then get it approved by DOT and Conservation. There are a few areas that were located near the bridge. This would be one (1) of the first few maps you will see in the next couple of months and that is why they needed the easement. In order for them to be able to guarantee that they are going to do the mitigation needed, they will need access and have a maintenance easement to those areas. She believes the reason they are saying it is needed for a long time is because if there are any delays to establishing the wetland, they don't want to come back again and ask for different rights. She thinks it is more about doing everything once and not having to come back for permission and once they have completed they will release the easement. She supports Mr. Callahan's position but she believes that is the reason they are trying to do that. She said they would have to keep that area free from invasive species, maintain and after construction of the project is complete, maintain for another 10 years. Even during that period if something comes up that needs to be addressed, they don't want to come back and ask for another easement. This area is not developed at all, it is just for wetlands and they are going to get more dedicated wetlands with certain species that needs to be put in.

Mr. Callahan said the way they set it up the access to and from the compensatory easement area along the Norwalk River is from the City's parking lot. He said it ends up being over the 3rd Taxing District's property at the same address, 185 Liberty Square. It is their access to both parcels for the purpose of accessing the mitigation area. The point the appraiser was making was that the easement assumes the use of the parking lot as a parking lot long term. With respect to the development of land, it impacts both parcels.

Mr. Tsiranides asked if it was by those pink containers.

Ms. Valadares answered north of those containers.

Ms. Smyth asked if it would affect the public's access, at some point in time, to the port. She said that she heard some things at the East Norwalk TOD public hearing about making that port area into a historic district, would that be affected in any way.

Ms. Valadares responded it is just for the wetland area and will be a preservation area that cannot be developed. She said it is not because of the easement but because it is a DOT requirement for the area. Ms. Valadares said what they are asking for in the easement is to obtain access from the parking lot and the wetlands by DOT and Conservation and that area will not be developed into anything else as it is part of their regulations. She shared her screen to show an aerial map of location.

Mr. Callahan and Ms. Valadares explained the location once the map was on the screen. They also used google maps to explain the location.

Mr. Callahan said that there is nothing you could do with that area. Their appraisers concern was more with the parking lot.

Ms. Valadares continued to show the Committee the area for items 4a and 4b and 5a and 5b. She showed the wetland mitigation area for item 4a. She said they already own that area (as shown on map) so they have access to that area. Item 4a, 15 & 60 South Smith Street there are two (2) easements, a wetland easement and an exit easement. The wetland easement is for mitigation of the wetlands plus access to the construction (as shown on map) because they need to build platforms to be able to build the bridge. She said that easement has a time period on it. The third area, item 5a & 5b is 30 Monroe Street. She began to pull it up on the map.

Mr. Livingston said based on what Mr. Callahan said maybe they should propose an amendment and not have a permanent easement just 10 years.

Mr. Tsiranides said perhaps it should be approve for the life of the project.

Mr. Livingston said I think Mr. Callahan wanted it for 10 years after that.

Mr. Callahan said they don't know when the project would start but want the easement now so whatever period the easement is issued until construction is completed, plus 10 years. So it would be from the easement through entire duration of construction of the Walk Bridge Project, plus 10 years.

Ms. Valadares brought up the map. She stated its access to the driveway at the South Norwalk Train Station and parking spaces, at least two (2) to three (3).

Mr. Tsiranides asked if it is the northbound side.

Ms. Valadares responded correct. She said it is the New Haven Side. She continued that they just need the access here to the driveway and use two (2) to three (3) spaces so they can have access to the tracks. (as shown on map) She said they need access to the maintenance tracks and will use the parking spaces to store equipment needed for that.

Mr. Keegan asked if they have voted on an easement in that area for building a building.

Mr. Callahan responded yes. He said it wasn't an easement but a request and they granted a Right of Entry agreement over the parcel directly adjacent to the railroad driveway. So the owner/developer of the property could start construction on its foundation. It is literally on one (1) of the corners which is right on the property line. He said to encroach on the City's property, the road is not a public road, and it is a parcel that could not be done with an encroachment. Ultimately

the owner intends to come back and request a permanent non-exclusive ingress/egress easement over that driveway and then there would be a ramp created across City property from the driveway onto their property that accesses their parking garage they plan to construct. This easement won't affect the granting of that easement because they are both non-exclusive easements. They just allow a public right of passage over a private driveway.

Mr. Keegan said he remembered voting on an easement like this and didn't know if it would affect or conflict with anything.

Mr. Callahan stated that he and Ms. Valadares had a conversation with DOT's engineers and made them aware of another land owner that needs an easement overlays the same area to make sure that there wouldn't be a problem with the State and it is not.

Ms. Valadares said the easement is limited from paving area curb to curb. She said a lane may be added to it so there could be a little bit of a change of geometry and that will not affect this easement.

Mr. Tsiranides stated that he agrees there needs to be an amendment on this with some sort of language and he asked Mr. Callahan to reiterate the wording.

Mr. Callahan said accrue as read, subject to easement being temporary until the completion of the construction of the Walk Bridge Project plus 10 years.

Ms. Valadares brought up a point that if they take out the permanent and make it temporary they may be liable to maintain the wetlands.

The Committee began a discussion about the wetlands and who will be responsible to maintain them.

Mr. Tsiranides asked Mr. Callahan for his thoughts.

Mr. Callahan responded that it would obviously be a lot of resources for the Department of Public Works to maintain and would surely impact their operational budget. He said that he advocated for the position that the State maintains it for the term they needed with the idea that they should have as many doors open in the future as possible for land use.

Mr. Tsiranides stated that he understands having DOT take full responsibility for the wetlands and maintain it, however, where it is located and its proximity he doesn't know if there is somehow down the road if there will be an effect on the parking lot area for whatever development to go on the side of it. He said someone may have an idea of what could be done there. He is on the fence and would like to pass off the maintenance and responsibility of the property and wetlands specifically. He said he doesn't want to impede or stop any possible positive development for that area.

Mr. Heuvelman asked in regards to the parking lot, it has had a lot of scrutiny over the last few years and if it becomes a permanent easement into the property then it impacts the lot as well. He also asked that as part of the easement, it would be coming in through that parking lot, correct.

Mr. Callahan said that the nature of the easement is such that he doesn't see it being used by the State of any magnitude that is going to cause a problem. The real issue is because their access

point to conservation easement area is from the parking lot that presumes the use of the parking lot in perpetuity as a parking lot and not as potentially some other use of it. He said it could come up in a title search and it's going to present an issue. How significant of an issue may be insignificant or relatively an easy deal. May delay a project or cause a project not to occur. It may likely come up in a title search and probably work itself out but probably delay some sort of the release of encumbrance or move the location.

Mr. Heuvelman said it needs an expiration date.

Mr. Tsiranides said he is comfortable with a date set to it. He said this will go before the Planning Commission and it will receive their opinions so they will get a fresh perspective on that. He said the Planning Commission will have opinions and questions then it will go to full Council. He asked Committee if they wanted a timeframe associated with this or leave as is.

The Committee agreed to a timeframe.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED BY
ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNCIL DARIN CALLAHAN**

- 4A. 15 & 60 SOUTH SMITH STREET (DOT FILE NO. 301-176-012B) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A 633± SQ. FT. PERPETUAL COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION TOGETHER WITH 8,579± SQ. FT. ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MAP ENTITLED: "TOWN OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCALE 1" = 40' JANUARY 2020 MARK D. ROLFE, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER – BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION", TOWN NO. 102, PROJECT NO. 301-176, SERIAL NO. 12B, SHEET 1 OF 1.**
- 4B. REFERRAL OF ITEM 4.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24.**

Mr. Livingston wanted to know if Mr. Callahan had any issues with this item.

Mr. Callahan replied he has the same issue that they are requesting a permanent easement but from what they are telling him only a temporary easement is necessary. They are the same exact perimeters, life of the construction plus 10 years.

Mr. Livingston asked would it be the same for Monroe Street as well.

Mr. Callahan said that Monroe Street is a little different. It is a different type of easement. The first two (2) are mitigation easements and the last one is a temporary construction easement.

Mr. Livingston proposes the same amendment as item #3a and 3b.

Mr. Tsiranides said before they amend, he wishes to discuss a little further. He said this easement runs along the waterside of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the leaf dump station. He said that doesn't have any other use besides the Norwalk River Valley Trail and it's going to be something that has no plans to ever be developed. This is to take care of the wetlands, nothing will go up there that may require anything. He said that is all City property. He said it may be better off to leave it in DOT hands for further maintenance and responsibility.

The Committee began to discuss the area of the easement. The easement runs along waterside of the Waste Management Treatment Center and the land cannot be developed. It was stated that it is alongside the Norwalk River Valley Trail. The maintenance would only be the wetlands. The State needs access to the trail but they will not maintain it. They will maintain the wetlands for the life of the project plus 10 years. The recommendation is to leave it the same as the first easement and if they need it for a longer period of time the Committee could come back and address the issue before it moves to Common Council.

Mr. Livingston commented that the East Norwalk TOD has the idea that the whole South Smith Street Center will be moved but he is unsure where. He said he doesn't want to limit it.

Mr. Tsiranides said the City could save resources, money and time on maintenance. He is okay with amending it the same as 3a & 3b.

****MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE ITEM
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED BY
ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNCIL DARIN CALLAHAN**

5A. 30 MONROE STREET (DOT FILE NO. 301-176-047) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY A 1,553± SQ. FT. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND A 6,530± SQ. FT. TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MAP ENTITLED: "TOWN OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCALE 1" =20' JANUARY 2020 MARK D. ROLFE, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER – BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION", TOWN NO. 102, PROJECT NO. 102, PROJECT NO. 301-176, SERIAL NO. 47, SHEET 1 OF 1, REVISED 3/31/20.

5B. REFERRAL OF ITEM 5.A. TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT CONN GEN. STAT. § 8-24.

Mr. Callahan explained that one (1) is a temporary construction area adjacent to railroad, need to access and this is a temporary easement until the completion of project. He said the appraisal is based on a six (6) year construction period but he is unsure when they will begin the project. He said it could be six or more years before they start. It could be longer. He said since the number of years could be longer there should be an additional value attributed to the easement. He proposed this but it didn't really go anywhere. He said what the State is offering is in the best interest of the City. It seemed appropriate when they read the appraisal. He said he feels less strongly about this item than the other two (2).

Mr. Tsiranides asked if it would impact the South Norwalk Train Station.

Mr. Callahan answered that the South Norwalk Train Station may feel some impact but the entrance will not be shut down. He said the construction period for that area will be short. They would only be able to access between trains and they would only take up two (2) parking spaces so the South Norwalk Train Station should not feel impacted.

Ms. Valadares stated that most of the construction would be at night. She said although they may see an increase with traffic and would not be anything substantial. They would only be using a couple of parking spaces. She said it is easier for them to get to that side of the bridge when they are working in that area without having to cross over it so they would be able to get more working hours as they can only work between trains.

****MR. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 6A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TITAN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP 2020-1 ADA ACCESS AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT CITY HALL AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$215,775.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 1000 5777 C0536
09 18 1000 5777 C0536
09 17 4021 5777 C0581
09 18 4021 5777 C0581
09 20 4021 5777 C0581

- 6B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH TITAN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP 2020-1 ADA ACCESS AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT CITY HALL AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$21,577.50.**

Mr. Livingston asked if the broken tiles would be replaced.

Mr. Yeosock reported on this. He said that broken tiles will be replaced with concrete sidewalk tiles in front of City Hall. They are also going to replace the railings on East Avenue and the walkways from City Hall to the bus stop. He said they will be brought up to current ADA standards. They will also be adding two (2) ADA crosswalks. The first will be on William Street in back of Nathan Hale Middle School and the second will be on Union Street.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 1000 5777 C0536
09 18 1000 5777 C0536
09 17 4021 5777 C0581
09 18 4021 5777 C0581
09 20 4021 5777 C0581

****MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 7A. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY MARKINGS, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP 2020-2 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKING, SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$128,935.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4021 5777 C0562
09 19 4021 5777 C0562
09 20 4121 5777 C0562
09 18 4021 5777 C0598
09 19 4121 5777 C0598
09 20 4121 5777 C0598

- 7B. **AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH SAFETY MARKINGS, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP 2020-2 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$12,893.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4021 5777 C0562
09 19 4021 5777 C0562
09 20 4121 5777 C0562
09 18 4021 5777 C0598
09 19 4121 5777 C0598
09 20 4121 5777 C0598

Mr. Yeosock reported on this. He said this for centerline striping and crosswalks. He said they will be upgrading the striping of bike lanes on Strawberry Hill Avenue as well as other areas. The contract will provide for regular maintenance and upgrades on the City streets as need. They have worked with Safety Marking for many years and they do most of this type of work for the City.

****MR. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C., REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$91,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATED JULY 27, 2020.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 11 4021 5777 C0471
09 12 4021 5777 C0471
09 19 4021 5777 C0471
09 20 4021 5777 C0471
09 21 4021 5777 C0471

Ms. Valadares reported on this. She stated that they have had A. DiCesare Associates designing this project since 2007. They have been addressing the underground utilities, funding Fort Point Street to Almstead. The portion they need to finalize is for all the service related to that area. She

said they have 90% of the design for all the infrastructure that will be built by DOT under the Walk program. Now they just have to finalize the new service that is all aerial to every single house. They are engaging him again as a task order because he is very familiar with the area and he has all of the coordination that needs to be done, not only with the Third Taxing District but with Altice, Frontier and all the other communication and utilities in the area. Another part of his scope is if the Village District have any design guidelines that has to be incorporated to East Avenue, his task would be to make that design.

****MR. LANGELLA MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$954,320.00.**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 10 4027 5777 C0302
	09 20 4027 5777 C0302
	09 21 4027 5777 C0302
	09 18 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0021
	09 20 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0318
	09 21 4021 5777 C0318

- 9B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$95,500.00.**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 10 4027 5777 C0302
	09 20 4027 5777 C0302
	09 21 4027 5777 C0302
	09 18 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0021
	09 20 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0318
	09 21 4021 5777 C0318

Mr. Carr commended the Engineering Staff for their foresight in developing this contract. He said during their annual paving management program often times the storm sewers are investigated or need necessary repair and those repairs are typically covered under the annual paving contract underneath their program. They learned that obviously if a contractor is paving and needs to stop to dig down and repair a storm pipe that will impact the paving schedule to a point. There is a lot of the infrastructure that does need replacement. So as opposed to dealing with issues as they come up as emergencies, this contract basically takes out the storm sewer work that is typically covered under paving and will allow the contractor to go in advance of the paving to make sure that everything is repaired and replace potentially some of the storm pipes so they can be upgraded. When the paving contractor comes in, they could be more focused on just the milling, paving, and

recasting all the middle grades that are in the street. This takes out the storm sewer work that is typically under paving making the pavement management program more efficient.

Mr. Tsiranides said their engineers are fantastic. They have been inundated with a lot of projects and have been working hard. He said they appreciate all the hard work that's put in.

Mr. Livingston questioned if they have worked with the contractor in the past. He noticed that their bid came so much lower than the others.

Ms. Valadares replied yes. They worked on Rowayton Avenue and did a great job. She said they were responsible, neat and they were extremely happy they were the lower bidder. She said the contractor is very good in drainage and sewer projects. She stated in terms of metrics, they would usually pay 1.2 million for a project like this with time and materials but this time they put in everything they anticipated they would need and the amount came down to 954 so they have a fixed unit price that will make a big difference in the long term. If there is extra money in the paving program, hopefully more street will be paved.

****MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AHNEMAN KIRBY, LLC FOR ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR EACH.**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 10 4027 5777 C0302
	09 20 4027 5777 C0302
	09 21 4027 5777 C0302
	09 18 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0021
	09 20 4021 5777 C0021
	09 19 4021 5777 C0318
	09 21 4021 5777 C0318
	09 06 4021 5777 C0315
	09 20 4027 5777 C0643
	01 40 30 5258

Mr. Carr gave a little background for this contract. He said that it is an on-call surveying professional services contract. He stated that the engineering department is completely inundated with work. Particularly in the areas of assisting Recreation and Parks now collaborating with their engineering projects, TMP and their paving management program which continues to grow and drive, also curbs and sidewalks. This contract serves solely to have the surveyor of a consulting firm go out in advance to these projects, identify issues and assist their in-house surveyor with getting more production and being more efficient. They are always evaluating and adjusting. He said they are behind this year due to immense volume of work. There are areas that can be difficult to survey and/or their in-house surveyor can be tied up with something else.

Ms. Young asked if this was for one (1) staff and wanted to know what the hours would be.

Ms. Valadares responded that it is set up as on-call and they asked for an hourly rate for the whole crew. She said when they have surveying services, not only the people that go outside with the instrument, there are also people in the back office that need to download all the information then create the drawings for them so each one of those people get paid a certain amount. They also ran a project in-house assuming x amount of hours to see what a project would cost using the prices provided and it was very feasible considering the work they can accomplish.

Ms. Young asked about the other consecutive years and if they would be at the same rate or prorated based on amount of work if they choose to use them again.

Ms. Valadares responded that they have discussed that with the Purchasing Department and it would be a base year plus a certain percentage. She said it will be the base year plus the %. It is a rate percentage that would apply to the base hourly rate, it's a fixed rate.

Mr. Carr stated that he has worked with this contractor in Westchester and ensured the Committee that he was not on the selection panel for this project. He has seen their surveying work and they do an exceptional job. He said that he thinks they are the best in the City. He referred to Paul Sotnik in regards to the percentage increase.

Mr. Sotnik confirmed the percentage rate at 3% per year.

Ms. Valadares added that they will scan everything they survey in 3D. She said they do not have that equipment in-house. There would pretty much be no error comparing to the standard equipment and they could do that in half the time, saving money in the process.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF A PORTION OF WATER STREET (INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET AND RAYMOND STREET) TO FIRE CHIEF ANDERSON DRIVE.

Ms. Young stated that this has come before this Committee, Council and Public Works at least once before.

Ms. Anderson responded over two (2) years.

Ms. Young said this is a great opportunity and time to consider doing this and when you read all the things that Fire Chief Anderson has done in this City and as a native of Norwalk, she believes it is time for them to move forward with this and as the next item states hold a public hearing.

Mr. Livingston asked if this would be the same type of sign like Officer Ramirez.

Mr. Tsiranides responded yes.

Ms. Anderson asked if she can say a few words.

Mr. Tsiranides said it is not customary to allow during but she would be allowed to speak during the public hearing. He said if she wanted to add something for the record she could email it to him and he would make sure was put on record.

Ms. Anderson thanked him and everyone for all of their hard work and for their service.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked her for attending.

****MS. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF A PORTION OF WATER STREET (INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET AND RAYMOND STREET) TO FIRE CHIEF ANDERSON DRIVE. THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAMING AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION ON SAID NAMING THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. BY WAY OF VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE.**

Mr. Tsiranides stated the name for the record as Honorary Fire Chief Anderson Drive. He stated the public hearing will be set for October 6, 2020.

Ms. Young asked if that was the name they were looking to name, Fire Chief Anderson Drive.

Mr. Tsiranides reiterated it would be named Honorary Fire Chief Anderson Drive.

****MR. LANGELLA MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND METROPOLITAN REALITY ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FENCE INSTALLED ON THE EXISTING RETAINING WALL WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE FRONTAGE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 BATES COURT ADJACENT TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE.**

Mr. Livingston was concerned about the new fence and if it would be plastic because plastic tends to get moldy.

Mr. Carr answered yes, the developer is required to maintain that fence in perpetuity because currently there is an existing black chain link fence. He said they advised the developer that the City prefers the black link fence with no maintenance agreement or the privacy fence, the plastic privacy fence because it is within the right of way, so they didn't want the burden to fall on the Department of Public Works to maintain a specialty fence.

Mr. Livingston wanted to be sure that as part of maintenance agreement they must clean it.

Mr. Carr responded yes.

****MR. THEORORIDIS MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 14. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE GIFT LETTER IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE GIFT OF THE FENCE FROM THE LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM.**

Ms. Smyth inquired about how this came to be that they are offering the gift of this fence.

Ms. Valadares stated that the fence is restored by DOT. She said as part of one (1) of the mitigations from the Walk Bridge Program to the Lockwood Mansion, they will see it looks like a trench in front of the park. They just removed the fence and they are going to totally restore it and put it back. The Mansion decided at their last meeting, considering the City owns the parcel, that the City should also own the fence because the fence is actually on the City's parcel in the right of way but also entitles the City to maintain the fence. She said she was at the shop when they were restoring the fence in plain view and she asked them how the maintenance would be after they restore the fence. They replied that these things live forever so they don't expect any major maintenance at lease for another 50 years. She said she is not sure if that is thru but the good thing is there will be no environmental paint related to it. She said everything is getting done under this project. They will receive a brand new restored fence.

Mr. Livingston stated that Patsy Brescia had been working on this for a long time. He said it was in the basement for years and they got this as Ms. Valadares sent this through a DOT remediation program. He said it is a big win for the City.

Ms. Valadares stated the fence is about 37 pieces and for each piece being moved out of the basement, they needed four (4) men to carry it out. She said it is very heavy.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. DISCUSSION

1. PROJECT STATUS

a. SEDIMENT REMOVAL CONTRACT UPDATE

Mr. Carr reported on this. He stated that they are dredging five (5) watercourses, Lloyd, Friendly Road, Hunter Lane, June Court and Kellee. He said they are 90% complete with Friendly Road drainage channel and they are moving onto Lloyd Avenue around September 14th then will be completing Hunter's Lane. He said this work is not weather dependent and can be worked throughout the winter. The five (5) locations can be completed by winter or early spring of next year.

Mr. Keegan asked if this project extends to Connecticut Avenue behind Shoprite.

Mr. Carr asked if he was talking about the sediment removal project.

Mr. Keegan replied yes. He wanted to know if the family, near Colonial Village, from the letter that was read earlier would be affected.

Mr. Berndlmaier stated that he believes that is part of the Kellee area that they are working on.

Mr. Carr thanked Mr. Berndlmaier.

**b. DREAMY HOLLOW DRAINAGE SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Carr explained the Woodard and Curran project. He said they are currently advancing their 30% level documents which is basically the flood study. Over the last few weeks they've conducted field surveys and wetland delineation. They are working with the engineering department feverishly to obtain a record utility mapping which they are basically going to combine, put on a map and plan to advance their design from 30% to 100%. These other Friendly Pond drainage improvements estimated at 3.1 million dollars of construction based on preliminary cost estimate and the anticipated schedule is as follows; design will extend through the end of the year into early next year. They plan to bid out the project hopefully by January/February 2021 which is a good time to bid contractor pricing, typically getting competitive pricing at the beginning of the year. They anticipate starting construction in late Spring of 2021.

**c. PAVING, CURBS AND SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Mr. Carr said since the last update they had nine (9) center line miles of roads paved. To date they have paved approximately another three (3) miles of center line. He said the difference between center line miles and lane miles is the center line is in the middle of the road. He said that they are paving South Main Street, Belle Avenue, Hemlock Place, Ely Avenue and Laura Street and its complete pending punch list items. Tomorrow paving starts on Fifth Street, Hawkins Avenue and Cove Avenue from dead end to Fifth Street, and that would last approximately two (2) to three (3) days. Currently, they have a drainage crew on Green Hill Road then moving to Noah Lane Ext. and then possibly Cliffview Avenue. They will have milling schedule within the next two (2) to three (3) weeks for Pine Hill Road, Island Drive, Shorehaven Road, Gregory Court and potentially the Van Zant Intersection. They are also reclaiming Fourth Street and Cove Avenue and that is from Fifth to Fourth Street. He said reclaiming means digging the road down basically to the dirt into the stone and then rebuilding the pavement section up from scratch and that is not the same as milling overlay. That reclamation of Fourth Street and Cove from Fifth to Fourth will be scheduled with the milling shortly after paving the above areas. He said they made a lot of progress and he is very pleased.

Mr. Tsiranides asked about Woodward Avenue.

Mr. Carr said that they anticipate beginning curbs and sidewalks on Woodward Avenue on the week of September 14th and then move on to Ohio Avenue Neighborhood.

Ms. Valadares said that there is still a lot of drainage work to be done prior to the start of the sidewalk so they will be mobilizing that work but will be doing some other work besides that to get ready to do the sidewalk. They are continuing sidewalks on Third Street and then move on to Second and First.

d. FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION (COMPOST) PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Tsiranides stated that they have received great responses from this program to date.

Mr. Carr added that this program originally began at the Rowayton Community Center in late April 2020. He said the City took over that program at the Rowayton Community Center on July 1, 2020 and included the Transfer Station. To date the Norwalk Transfer Station started on July 1, 202 with two (2) compost bins and they have now increased to four (4). The Rowayton Community Center started with two (2) compost bins and now have eight (8) compost bins. They are picked up weekly. To date they have picked up approximately 7,000 pounds or 3 ½ tons of food composting material. They feel the pilot program got off to a great start and is a great success. He thanked the operational division for spearheading a successful program.

Mr. Livingston thanked Jessica Paladino and Anthony Carr for this program. He said that this program is incredibly popular in Rowayton.

Mr. Tsiranides added that there has been a lot of positive feedback.

Ms. Paladino added that just in the month of August they have collected 6,900 pounds.

Mr. Carr responded yes, 6,900 in August, 6,000 in July, 5,000 in June and 300 pounds in April.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – JULY 2020

Mr. Carr reported on this. He said the numbers are starting to even out with the curbside tonnage for the municipal solid waste and recycling. He said it was interesting to see the trends when COVID19 first impacted the community and those numbers almost doubled with people cleaning out garages and basements. He said it is good to see the solid waste and recycling balance out but those numbers have dropped since they had those discussion in March and April.

Ms. Young wanted to know the impact from the last couple of storms on Department of Public Works and the staff.

Mr. Carr said as far as quantity, he doesn't have final numbers offhand but in the first few days of the initial storm debris collection, in which they employed three (3) vendors to help haul out the limbs, trees and all the debris from yard waste site, within the first week they had over 900 tons. He said Mr. Torre and Ms. Paladino did a lot of work to logistically fit all the debris that was coming in to make sure it was going out. They also had a City Project going on, the dredging and Friendly Pond plus bringing material there as well. He said Mr. Torre and Ms. Paladino did a great job planning ahead. He reiterated that they employed three (3) vendors who had at least 10 to 11 trucks daily coming in and out, hauling material at least for the first week of the storm.

Ms. Young asked about manpower and man hours and if there were any significant overtime hours.

Mr. Carr said that during the August 4th storm they incurred about \$72,000 worth of overtime from Tuesday 8/4/2020 to Monday morning 8/10/2020. A lot of that work was night work. They didn't start working overnight until Thursday. He said on Tuesday and Wednesday Eversource was unresponsive. Eversource didn't respond until Thursday sending a make safe crew of one (1) person to the operation center. He said that his crews worked overnight from Thursday to Sunday.

Mr. Livingston asked to read an email for the record he received from Ann Magnin. "Hi Tom, A quick note to let you know how utterly fantastic Norwalk services are, which I hope you'll share with anyone and everyone who would appreciate reading how the City delivered: 1. A huge branch came down on wires on Briar Street during last week's storm. After a few hours, I called Eversource to report it, but couldn't get through. I called the fire department, but it wasn't an emergency and it was after hours, so I couldn't reach anyone. Ditto for the police department. With that, I took a photo, posted it to Instagram and tagged the Norwalk police department. Within minutes, someone responded via direct message to call a number, at which point a real person answered the phone and took the information. The next time I looked outside, there was tape cordoning off the street. Their responsiveness VIA INSTAGRAM NO LESS, was so impressive! If only everyone delivered that level of service...

Wait, there's more:

A DPW crew was cleaning up storm debris on Briar Street yesterday morning. I called the department and asked if they could clean up a tree that had partially fallen in our driveway as the tree was located on a paper street between our house and our neighbor's. The woman who promptly answered the phone said she'd contact the foreman. When I went outside an hour later, the tree was gone. No hassle, no questions, no please call back, no "no." Just, wow! (I left a message of "thanks," too!) These two examples restored my faith that city government does work, and I'm grateful to be living somewhere that really delivers. Best, Ann."

Mr. Livingston said he thinks it is really important from time to time that Anthony and his crew know how much they are appreciated. He says he does and he knows the Committee and the Council does and he thanked them all.

Ms. Young said thank you for all the hard work and dedication and that all of her questions have been answered. She said she has nothing but great things to say. She appreciates Mr. Carr's department and other City departments as well.

Ms. Smyth thanked everyone.

Mr. Langella thanked everyone.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Mr. Carr and his team for all the hard work for everything.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Young motioned to adjourn at 9:11p.m.
Motion passed unanimously

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Public Works Committee
7:00 P.M. Location TBD

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"Working Together Works"
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125 East Avenue, Room 225
Norwalk, CT 06856-5125

Dear Mr. Tsiranides & Members of the Public Works Committee:

I, Rev. Dr. Richard Wesley Clarke, Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and President of the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship of Norwalk and Vicinity, Norwalk, Connecticut, humbly requesting that Water Street be named in honor of the deceased Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson who served the City of Norwalk for 46 years (1959 – 2005).

Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson was consistently promoted through the ranks attaining the rank of Assistant Fire Chief in 1998, appointed Fire Chief in 2004 and retired in 2005. He was a Norwalk native and grew up in the Washington Village Public Housing. He was a faithful servant leader in our city. He was consistent in supporting the Youth of Norwalk in advancing their academic and vocational careers.

I applaud you to give great consideration to renaming the Water Street in honor of the deceased Fire Chief Sanford W. Anderson.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Richard W. Clarke



"The Year of Restoration"

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a]—my great army that I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

II

Dear Sirs:

I would like to have my letter read at the Conservation Commission meeting , Public works meeting and the Planning Commission meeting next week.

I would like to explain the flooding problems we have here on Cedar Crest Place and how the expansion of Colonial Village will adversely affect this entire neighborhood.

We live at #43, The first house of a development of tract houses that were built in 1955 by Katz Builders. The street previously had been a dead end and was now extended to circle around and connect with Nash Place. They filled the swamp and put the stream in a viaduct that runs underneath several of the houses. It dumps onto the street in front of our house. When there is too much rain it floods the street and it becomes a lake. Building on a swamp would never be allowed today. The swamp did not go away. It's in all our basements on this part of the street. We have been here since 1968 (52 years) And we know first hand the flooding problems we have here. If they cut all these old growth trees to build this expansion, where do you think the water will go that these trees absorb?

Ten years ago after continuous water in our basement we spent \$10,000 to install a french drain in our basement and installed three sump pumps. We then spent another \$10,000 to dig around the outside of our cinder foundation (also not allowed today) to water proof it and install footing drains which the builder NEVER installed. All this work will not help us if the street drains are not able to take away heavy rains (which they presently cannot do). All these tract houses built by the same builder have had 6 inches to 2 feet of water in their basements over the years.

Also, when you cut these old growth trees we will loose the wonderful canopy which not only cleans the air quality but provides us with much needed privacy. Norwalk has the lowest canopy cover of any town in Connecticut and now they want to take away the only green space left in our area.

The tenants that live in the Village now deserve to have this wonderful space maintained so they have recreational facilities for the many children and teens that need space to play sports.

They took down the Community Center in 2005 and promised to build a bigger one for the tenants. That NEVER happened!

The Housing Authority cannot be trusted to do the right thing.

They should build the Community Center as promised:

Improve the basketball court

Fix the tennis courts that have gone to trash

They should mow and bring back the ball field that was there

This project will do nothing to improve the quality of life for anybody. (The tenants and surrounding home owners).

Please spend more time to investigate this proposal and you will see this is not a benefit to the entire community.

Thank you!

Claire and Thomas Sci

III

Carr, Anthony

From: Tom Livingston <tomlivingston1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Rilling, Harry; Carr, Anthony; King, Laoise
Cc: George Tsiranides; Shanahan, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: Norwalk delivers big time - beyond impressive

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Always nice to get notes like this. Thanks for all your hard work!

Tom

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From: Ann Magnin <ann@annmagnininc.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 9:49 AM
Subject: Norwalk delivers big time - beyond impressive
To: Tom Livingston <tomlivingston1@gmail.com>

Hi Tom,

A quick note to let you know how utterly fantastic Norwalk services are, which I hope you'll share with anyone and everyone who would appreciate reading how the City delivered:

1. A huge branch came down on wires on Briar Street during last week's storm. After a few hours, I called Eversource to report it, but couldn't get through. I called the fire department, but it wasn't an emergency and it was after hours, so I couldn't reach anyone. Ditto for the police department. With that, I took a photo, posted it to Instagram and tagged the Norwalk police department. Within minutes, someone responded via direct message to call a number, at which point a *real* person answered the phone and took the information. The next time I looked outside, there was tape cordoning off the street. Their responsiveness VIA INSTAGRAM NO LESS, was so impressive! If only everyone delivered that level of service...

Wait, there's more:

2. A DPW crew was cleaning up storm debris on Briar Street yesterday morning. I called the department and asked if they could clean up a tree that had partially fallen in our driveway as the tree was located on a paper street between our house and our neighbor's. The woman who promptly answered the phone said she'd contact the foreman. When I went outside an hour later, the tree was gone. No hassle, no questions, no please call back, no "no." Just, wow! (I left a message of "thanks," too!)

These two examples restored my faith that city government does work, and I'm grateful to be living somewhere that really delivers.

Best,

Ann

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