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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
July 7, 2020**

- ATTENDANCE:** George Tsiranides, Chairman; Barbara Smyth; Tom Keegan; Manny Langella; 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
- PRESENTERS:** Anthony Catalano, Woodard & Curran; Joe Kirby, Woodard & Curran; Darrin Stairs, Woodard and Curran; Steve Lauria, Woodard & Curran
- OTHERS:** Diane Lauricella via teleconference; Eric Anderson, Eversource; Eric Bernheim, Esq., Halloran & Sage LLP; Deborah Brancato, Esq., Carmody

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

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Mr. Tsiranides called to order the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONROE STREET TO MERRITT PLACE TO OFFICER CESAR RAMIREZ DRIVE.

Diane Lauricella stated that she is in favor of naming the street in honor of Cesar Ramirez. She said it is very well deserving and if it wasn't for COVID, she is sure there would be a long line of people to echo what she is saying. She began to discuss his activities as a police officer and his impact on the community.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked her for her comment. He closed the public hearing and opened public input.

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

Diane Lauricella thanked the Committee for all the work they do. She mentioned the Presentation by Woodard & Curran and Item #3 accepting the engineering fees for the Dreamy Hollow Area. She requested an itemized list of what rain infrastructure measures would be employed for the Dreamy Hollow Project. She stated that she disagrees with Betts Pond being taken down, she would like to keep it, as it is a great skating resource. Ms. Lauricella said she looks forward to the simple recycling discussion. Ms. Lauricella had several questions. She inquired about the actual hauling cost per ton in the food scrap recovery pilot project. She thinks it is a great project when it expands, if it will but everyone needs to understand the real costs. She asked if they will receive any compost back, if not how that would be arranged. She asked if they found a reduction of the trash hauling tonnage for disposal due to the shipping of food scraps weight to a separate collection system in the Rowayton area, and wanted to know the actual contamination rate for Norwalk Recycling. She stated she has asked before. She mentioned that based on the last meeting minutes, no one has reached out to her to talk about the information she supplied and put in writing.

Mr. Tsiranides asked Ms. Lauricella what it was regarding.

Ms. Lauricella replied that in May, Ms. Paladino received a power point presentation and she looks forward to having a discussion with her or Mr. Torre and it has been a month since Mr. Carr said they would reach out to her.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Ms. Lauricella. He asked if there were any other emails or call-ins made for public participation. Since there was none, Chairman Tsiranides moved to the next agenda item.

PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION BY WOODARD & CURRAN, ENGINEERING PA PC RE: FINAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR DREAMY HOLLOW ESTATES (FRIENDLY POND AREA) DRAINAGE STUDY

Mr. Tsiranides introduced Anthony Catalano of Woodard and Curran.

Mr. Catalano thanked the Committee for having them. He said the last time they met was back in April and since then they have made a lot of progress in the last few months. The team has been focusing on meaningful solutions and how they can most effectively use the existing/available funds. They have studied 30 different scenarios. Mr. Catalano introduced Joe Kirby, Darrin Stairs and Steven Lauria. He then thanked the Chief and staff for their responsiveness in regards to this project and the support they have given.

Mr. Carr gave a brief statement about the presentation. He thanked Woodard & Curran for the great job they have done. He thanked his staff for the excellent work they have been doing. He described some of the outcomes of the executive summary. He stated that although this work may not eliminate the flooding it would definitely reduce the flooding in those areas.

Mr. Catalano introduced Joe Kirby who would be presenting the findings.

Mr. Kirby explained the executive summary (attached) and he shared a power point presentation. He stated that this summary focuses on results. He went over the geographical areas of the summary. He said they focused on a design storm of a 25 year storm. They analyzed 20 different improvements and more than 30 different alternative scenarios to find mitigation alternatives that work. Mr. Kirby discussed the recommendations to the Committee.

Mr. Livingston asked about the planning cost and wanted to know if it was an estimated cost.

Mr. Kirby replied that it is an estimated cost of construction.

Mr. Livingston asked what that would cover and if it was for some of the homes.

Mr. Carr stated he did the calculations and it would most likely cover 50 homes.

Mr. Livingston said he is focused on the 3.1 million in planning cost.

Mr. Carr explained the cost stating that the back costs are also important because it typically raises a home outside of the flooding elevation, those costs can vary.

Mr. Catalano stated that they have their own grant funding team that they implore for their important clients like the City of Norwalk. He said they have been coordinating closely with the Chief and their key person to identify funding opportunities. There may be funding opportunities through FEMA and his team is looking at that and updating a memo to that effect which they are doing on their time with no cost to the City. They are also looking into other potential future opportunities that may involve stimulus money depending on the timing of things. He said they are keeping an eye on grants and other funding opportunities and will keep them posted within the next few weeks.

Mr. Kirby continued with next steps. He said in order to move this proposal to construction, they had to do a lot of investigating. He explained what they have been doing with surveys, permitting and the like.

Mr. Tsiranides asked for a timeframe.

Mr. Catalano stated that the key in these projects is always a balance. He said they have to advance design so they have sufficient information to start to feed into the permitting process. On these type of projects, they look to expedite the process by being proactive with the different agencies and having pre application meetings to avoid surprises when it comes time to submit, it is a formality that takes time. They typically expect within a six-month period, they should be able to address what needs to be addressed. He doesn't know if the global pandemic that everyone is experiencing will affect the process. Mr. Catalano said that would be the overall approach to try to expedite the process.

Mr. Livingston said since you are working off a 25 year flood, would it be a bad thing to look at a 50 year flood or 100 year flood.

Mr. Catalano answered typically they want to have meaningful results and be as responsible as they can from a financial standpoint. He continued to say that once they start to look at design for higher storm events, the solutions that you develop end up being significantly more costs for a much smaller benefit. He said for certain instances, a 50 year storm may be required for smaller type issues. They use their professional judgement and work very closely with the City's engineering department to strike that balance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

2. APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF CHESTNUT STREET FROM MONROE STREET TO MERRITT PLACE TO OFFICER CESAR RAMIREZ DRIVE.

Ms. Young asked for a timeframe of when the sign could be put up.

Mr. Tsiranides replied it has to go before the full council for a vote and once it is approved they could move forward.

Mr. Carr stated that once approved, the family requested to wait until September. He said typically, once it is approved it usually takes three (3) weeks. He said they would look exactly like the one (1) you see on City Hall Drive.

Ms. Young thanked him.

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019 TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES TASK ORDER 1E "DREAMY HOLLOW DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS" DATED JULY 1, 2020 (COPY OF INCLUDED) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$578,886.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4027 5777 C0425
 09 20 4027 5777 C0425
 09 21 4027 5777 C0425**

Mr. Carr said this is only to bring the 30% results of the Flood Study to 100% so to put it out to bid to hopefully achieve the asking price of 3.5 million or lower. This does not include construction administration, this is strictly to get the construction funding. 42 homes will experience reduced flooding and eight (8) will be removed entirely from flooding. He clarified that this is just to increase the 30% design to 100% design for bidding purposes.

Mr. Heuvelman asked if they knew of any known species issues in that area that could create a problem.

Mr. Catalano said that in the scope of work which is very detailed includes an evaluation of existing species. Their approach is to address everything they need to address so the City could move forward with confidence from a compliance standpoint. They are being sensitive to that and it is included as part of the study as well as the extensive permitting piece.

Mr. Heuvelman thanked Mr. Catalano and said he saw that in the proposal. He questioned whether or not if they had any past issues in that area. He said he would assume no.

Mr. Catalano couldn't speak to any past issues. He said that if anything comes up during their assessment they would discuss with Public Works.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF MARCH 12, 2019, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE REPAVING OF THE FIRE HOUSE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE BUILDING PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 16 3110 5777 C0509.**

- 4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2019-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,538,688.50.**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 18 4021 5777 C0021
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	09 19 4027 5777 C0302
	09 18 4021 5777 C0503
	09 17 4021 5777 C0515
	09 19 6030 5777 C0472
	09 19 6310 5777 C0186
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	09 19 6310 5777 C0132
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	<u>09 16 3110 5777 C0509</u>

- 4B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2019-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$453,868.85**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 18 4021 5777 C0021
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09 16 3110 5777 C0509

Mr. Carr gave a brief background on the fire department status. He said the Fire Department is in dire need of having their apparatus building lot repaved. The Fire Department has included a capital funding account to be incorporated into the Pavement Management Program. The parking lot will be paved this week.

Mr. Tsiranides reiterated Mr. Carr's statement about the Fire Department's parking lot getting paved through the Pavement Management Program and asked the Committee if they had any questions. He stated that he has seen the parking lot and it really needs it. Since there were no questions, he put it to a vote.

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

- 5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF DECEMBER 10, 2019, ITEM VII.A.1 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSION DESIGN, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 20 4031 5777 C0647.**
- 5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND SOUTHPORT ASSOCIATES, PC, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE HISTORIC STREET LIGHT SYSTEM ON WALL STREET, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$16,800.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 30 5258
09 20 4031 5777 C0647**

Mr. Carr stated the expenditure of \$16,800 was already approved. An operating budget code was used from the general fund which is indicated below by the "01", the first two (2) numbers. Subsequently, they found a capital project code for the expenditure. The reason being, Eversource had indicated, in the territory they are responsible for, they are about 80% completed in the LED Street Light Conversion Design. There were already capital projects approved before his arrival and they would like to move forward. They would like to incorporate capital budget funding instead of the original allocated for the

study into the actual design of the Historic Street Lighting. He told the Committee that the location was Wall Street between Belden and East Avenue. The Southport Associates has developed a light corridor that stretches from Belden to East Avenue. He said that they are not approving the contract but the capital code.

Ms. Young asked if those Historic Street Lights are the same as the ones that are in the SoNo area.

Mr. Carr responded that they are close to those. He is unsure if they are the same exact style.

Mr. Sotnik said that they are the style that are currently on West Avenue. He said that it has the arm that hangs out over the street, the six (6) foot arm versus the vertical style. He said the arm gives off more light with less fixtures and they will match the styles on East Avenue which ties right into Wall Street.

Mr. Carr confirmed that the styles on Washington Street was more of an acorn style.

Mr. Sotnik agreed.

Ms. Young asked if the acorn style suggested a much softer light.

Mr. Sotnik responded yes.

Ms. Young responded it does, thank you.

Mr. Tsiranides asked if there were any more questions. Since there were none, he put it to a vote.

****MS. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 6. DISCUSS AND VOTE TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR ACCEPTABLE SOLID WASTE FROM \$85/TON TO \$90/TON TO BE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS FEE SCHEDULE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE.**

Mr. Tsiranides stated that they are just trying to match their expense of the solid waste costs. He said they are keeping the One Ton Free for every resident. They are just matching the cost so the City doesn't continue to come out of pocket.

Mr. Carr stated that the current cost for the removal of Solid Waste, the transport and dispose of is \$93 per ton. He said that is the contract price effective July 1st with City Carting. The residents are charged \$85 per ton. They would like to have a two (2) phase approach, currently they pay \$90 a ton, and next July it would be \$95 which is a \$10

difference. They would like to increase it to \$90 a ton, \$5 more subject to the Committee's recommendation for approval from Council, and the public hearing, and raise the fee from \$85 to \$90 then next year they would increase the fee from \$90 to \$95. He said by July 2021 the fee that is charged by City Carting would equate to what they are charging residents. This excludes curbside pickups. It only includes any weight generated with the one (1) ton free, pickup trucks, cars, commercial waste, etc. He said they are collecting \$85 and paying \$93 and next year they will be paying \$95. With the increase from \$85 to \$90, they would only be losing revenue of \$14 to \$17 thousand dollars if this is approved by everyone. Without the increase by the \$5, they would most likely lose about \$39 to \$47 thousand dollars in a fiscal year. Mr. Carr stated that they would like to balance out the costs, not make money. He stated the two (2) phase increase of \$5 for the residents would be better than just dropping a \$10 increase at once.

Mr. Livingston said that he understands that it is an expense and asked if it is possible to phase into the pros. He said they should tie it to what they are paying.

Mr. Carr responded that would be ideal. It would be the decision of the appropriate Committee and Council. He said they are not looking to make money or generate additional revenue from the residents but it is fair to say that they are just covering their costs.

Mr. Tsiranides reiterated that they do not want the fees or the costs to go up and they try very hard to refrain from charging the residents any further costs than they need to. There is no money to be made, just charging to cover the costs.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF ACCESS AND ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY - DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY - TO USE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 NEW CANAAN AVE FOR THE FLARE LOCATION AS PART OF THE ACTIVATION OF A 12" STEEL GAS MAIN LOCATED ON RT. 123.**

Mr. Carr reported on this. He stated that this is for a Right of Access for Eversource to occupy property of the Fire Station 1 Lot. He briefly explained the process.

Ms. Valadares added that usually this work could have been done through the Right of Way but unfortunately where they need to perform the test there are a lot of trees and traffic making it unsafe to perform those tests. Since it is unsafe to do this through the Right of Way, Eversource is asking to perform this on their property and that is the reason for the agreement because the City cannot issue an encroachment permit into their parks. They have already checked in with the Fire Marshall and there were no issues. Eversource will restore any damages made from the tests.

Mr. Anderson explained the procedure. He stated they are in the process of installing a three (3) mile pipe line over Route 123 from Little Brook Road in New Canaan to Silvermine Avenue in Norwalk. They have a two (2) day activation process. On the first day they will curb the air out of the pipe line and fill it with natural gas. This work does not involve any work on the City's parcel. Day two (2) they will add raw odor into the pipeline at the Little Brook Road in New Canaan and they will be curbing, what is called a capstan, out of the City Parcel's on Silvermine Avenue. They like to plan that mixture of natural gas and raw odor because if the raw odor gets into the air there will be a lot of odor nuisance calls but safely clearing the mixture there shouldn't be any calls. They need to access the property during the day for an eight (8) to ten (10) hour work period, for set up and clean up. They typically set up in the road but that is not possible in this location. The Eversource technicians will be on site the entire time. The Fire Department has allowed them to use a sprinkler system on the grass in the vicinity of the flairs but if there are any damages to the grass, they will restore it.

Ms. Young asked how many homes are located in that area.

Mr. Anderson shared his screen with the Committee.

Ms. Valadares added that the location is by the soft ball field behind the Fire Station on New Canaan Avenue. She said that during the time the work is being done there will be no access to the soft ball field.

Ms. Young asked if the residents will be notified.

Mr. Tsiranides added that once the Committee sees the location, once the shared screen is up, she will see that it is just the ball field.

Mr. Keegan asked if they have consulted with the little league teams to inform them of this.

Ms. Valadares said they have to come up with a date first so no one is disrupted. Eversource does not have a final date yet. Once they do, they will coordinate so that date can work for everyone. She said they usually will begin early in the morning. She told them that the map of the location is in their package.

Mr. Anderson's screen came up. He began to explain the map. He said the proposal is to tap into the pipe line. He showed them where the pipes and the flair would be located on the map. He said there will not be any trucks driving on the grass. The work will be done during the day, during the week.

Ms. Young asked about the senior housing residences and suggested that they be informed of this work.

Mr. Anderson said he will make a note of that and send out information. He said they are flexible on their days and will work with Recreation and Parks to decide on the day.

Ms. Smyth asked if the field will be restored.

Mr. Anderson said that there will be no excavation in the fields, the hoses will be on the ground for the flairs, no driving of equipment. He said if the grass around the flairs, due to the heat, deteriorates or dies after their work is complete, they will replant the grass, curbs or whatever needs to be done. He continued to explain the area via shared map.

Mr. Carr asked Mr. Anderson to explain the purpose of the flair.

Mr. Anderson stated that during the tickling process, on Little Brook Road in New Canaan, they will jack into the pipeline or "captain" in oil and push that out to natural gas into Silvermine Avenue and when that mixture gets down Silvermine Avenue they will flair it off. In its raw state of the captain, the Fire Department knows that is the odor of the natural gas. Should that odor lift off into the air without being burned off there will be nuisance calls for miles. To litigate that, they will flair off the mixture and burn it harmlessly into the atmosphere to eliminate any issues with odor calls.

Ms. Smyth asked how often that occurs.

Mr. Anderson responded anytime there are large pipelines, they would employ that type of operation. He said that it is a very common operation, industry standard and practice.

Ms. Young reiterated make sure to check with Nick Roberts at Recreation & Parks because there were questions about that area.

Ms. Valadares stated that she would forward information to Nick Roberts about this project. She said she wanted to make sure it was approved before she approached Mr. Roberts. She will coordinate the date that the work begins.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Committee for putting him on the agenda.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Mr. Anderson.

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

8A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT RD2020-1 CONCRETE, CURBS AND SIDEWALKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,749,668.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0318
 09 20 4120 5777 C0649
 09 20 4021 5777 C0021
 09 21 4120 5777 C0649
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8B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT RD2020-1 CONCRETE, CURBS AND SIDEWALKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$274,966.80.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0649
 09 20 4021 5777 C0318
 09 20 4021 5777 C0021
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Mr. Tsiranides stated that they have been working on fixing the sidewalks and curbs for a while now, especially in the Woodward Avenue area. He referred to Mr. Carr for more information.

Mr. Carr said that this project's three (3) lowest bidders were, Grasso, Star and Deering. Grasso was the lowest bidder. This contract is focused to address the sidewalks on Woodward Avenue, primarily between Neptune and Burritt areas which is about 2/3 of a mile. This is included in our capital budget projects that was approved by Council for curbs and sidewalks. Also the Ohio Avenue area. He said this includes about 4 1/4 mile of concrete curb and about 2.6 acres of sidewalk. Mr. Carr stated that due to the history with Grasso Companies, staff was proactive to ensure there were no issues. They reached out to Planning and Zoning, Tax Collector and the Law Department. All three (3) departments stated that there were no issues. He stated that Grasso Companies have done good work for the City and they haven't had any work related issues. He mentioned that Deering has a lot of work going on right now and acknowledged that they also do good work as well as Star. He said the Public Works Department is recommending Grasso Companies, as the lowest bidder.

Ms. Valadares stated that they received four (4) bidders and Grasso was the lowest bidder. She said that they have worked with Grasso in the past and there weren't any issues. She said that they are very flexible and were on schedule. She spoke with them already and they are ready to begin as soon as possible.

Mr. Livingston stated that there is history there and it is important that the residents are aware and he appreciates the staff doing their due diligence to ensure there were no outstanding issues with the company.

Ms. Young asked about the areas. She questioned if South of the Burritt Avenue area is on the list. She said she recalls that area being in need of new sidewalks as well.

Mr. Carr said they will look into that. He asked his staff about some temporary work last year, about \$50,000 worth of work, if it covered that area. He said certainly if the sidewalks are bad and are adjacent to Burritt or adjacent to Neptune, they wouldn't stop there but rather continue.

Ms. Young asked about a timeline.

Mr. Carr answered possibly late August, early September.

Ms. Valadares added that if the contractor is working in another location, they may finish that area first. She said Public Works prefer that they come and stay working rather than starting and then having to stop to go back to another location then coming back. She said they are coming to work straight through.

Ms. Young asked about encroachment on property. Is that something that may happen and have the residents been notified?

Mr. Berndlmaier answered that they have reached out to many of the residents and received sign offs from many of the residents.

Ms. Young asked if they would be ADA complied.

Mr. Berndlmaier said their goal is to have everything ADA complied.

Ms. Valadares said the Department has begun working on this to get ready so when the Contractor is ready to go, they are too.

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

9A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE FOLLOWING LAND FROM NORWALK LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO THE CITY OF NORWALK AT NO COST SUBJECT TO A RELEASE OF MORTGAGE(S) ENCUMBERING SAID LAND:

- 1. CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL IS IDENTIFIED AS "CONVEYANCE AREA A" HAVING AN AREA OF 1,263±S.F. AS SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED "RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY CITY OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING LAND ACQUIRED FROM NORWALK LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC BY THE CITY OF NORWALK" DATED NOVEMBER 2019 PREPARED BY LANGAN CT, INC;**
- 2. SAID PIECE OR PARCEL OF PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED AS "CONVEYANCE AREA B" HAVING AN AREA OF 237±S.F. AS SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED "RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY CITY OF NORWALK MAP SHOWING LAND ACQUIRED FROM NORWALK LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC BY THE CITY OF NORWALK" DATED NOVEMBER 2019 PREPARED BY LANGAN CT, INC.**

9B. REFERRAL OF ITEM 9A TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. §8-24.

Mr. Tsiranides said that this is essentially a piece of road that is currently on the SoNo Collection's property that they will be taking back into the Norwalk property.

Mr. Carr said that this is about conveying approximately 1,500 square feet of road that is currently on private property over to the City for title rights. This means that in any municipality, City's try to avoid having their roadway on private property. The beginning of this during approval for SoNo, the City of Norwalk Department of Public Works had required the developer to widen the road slightly on North Water and on West Avenue. About 1,500 square feet of road was required to be widened which the developer did. After the widening, the City's road was now on private property. This is a no cost conveyance from the developer to the City for title/ownership of the road. He deferred to Mr. Callahan for more information.

Mr. Tsiranides said for clarification, this is strictly for the road and not the sidewalks.

Mr. Carr responded yes. He said it is not the sidewalk, it stops at the vertical face of the curb. That is the property line. It will be situated once the area is conveyed to the City.

Mr. Callahan introduced himself and the others on the call, Attorney Eric Bernheim, of Halloran & Sage LLP representing the City and Attorney Deborah Brancato of Carmody representing the developer. They will be able to answer any questions the Committee may have. He gave a brief summary stating all they have is an ownership that's in the name of the developer and they are going to convey that, technically fee simple absolute, meaning full conveyance of all property rights to those conveyance areas (Conveyance Area A and Conveyance Area B) and that would be done pursuant to a quitclaim deed which mirrors the statutory format. Mr. Callahan said they reviewed the deed and it is a very straightforward conveyance with the areas noted on agenda and backup.

Mr. Keegan asked a question about the letter from Carmody on page 2. He wanted to know if condition #24 is the original condition that had not been satisfied.

Mr. Callahan responded yes. He said it is the condition pursuant to which this is being brought before the Committee.

Mr. Keegan said that his question then he read the condition: "24. That prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit, sufficient property be deeded along the site frontage, for highway purposes, to the City, at no cost, to accommodate the proposed roadway widening, and a sidewalk/snowshelf." He asked if this was changed in the agreement.

Mr. Bernheim asked if Ms. Brancato could be moved to the panelist list.

Mr. Manzi added her to the panelist list.

Ms. Brancato introduced herself. She is from Carmody, Torrance, Sandak and Hennessey, LLP representing Norwalk Land Development, LLC. She said Condition 24 is from the

OSTA, Office of State Traffic Administration Certificate and was part of the overall approval process for the Mall project. It was reviewed by OSTA and the certificate that was issued had about 30 conditions and this is the last one that has yet to be fulfilled. That is the reason they are reviewing this now. She said that is the condition as it currently exists, it was not changed. They are not conveying sidewalk or snowshelf, just roadway and granite curbing. The developer will maintain ownership of the sidewalk, maintain all obligations to maintain it. She said that it's her understanding that it's the City's preference to move forward with this.

Mr. Bernheim asked Mr. Carr if that was his understanding as well.

Mr. Callahan responded stating Attorney Bernheim contacted him a few months ago to discuss this issue. He said they coordinated with the Department of Public Works, including Anthony Carr and Vanessa Valadares, who gave feedback which informed them on how to proceed.

Ms. Valadares said when they reviewed the ROW map, they just wanted to have ownership over the road. She said usually in Norwalk, the property owner has to maintain the sidewalk. They do not want ownership of the sidewalk because they do not want to maintain any part of it. She thinks the road is exactly what they need and it's just a little sleeve so if they are going to do any maintenance in the future, they will not need to ask permission. They are adjusting the map. She then asked Mr. Yeosock if he had anything to add.

Mr. Yeosock responded no. He said they have done this on other properties in that area as well. He said maintaining ownership of the road is a better thing to do.

Ms. Brancato said the conditions that were ultimately attached to the OSTA Certificate was the result of a lot of collaborative effort with State Officials and Local Officials. Many of the conditions came directly from the City and of course they want to do what the City prefers and even though the wording does include sidewalk and snowshell, they are proceeding with just the roadway and curbing conveyance.

Mr. Callahan stated for clarification that it was stated initially that it was just the road up to the face going to the curb but it's actually the full granite curb as well.

Ms. Brancato replied correct.

Ms. Valadares said any damage behind the curb line will be directed back to the property owner and in this case it would be the Mall.

Mr. Tsiranides called for a vote. Passing unanimously. He said this item will be referred to the Planning Commission for their referral and recommendation.

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

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO CONCUR WITH PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER FOR STATE PROJECT 0102-0350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL – PHASE 2 AND TO PROVIDE A DEMAND DEPOSIT OF \$40,062 TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 4021 5777 C0407

Mr. Carr reported that this project is for the extension of the Norwalk River Valley Trail. He gave a brief background. It is a Federal/Local split authorizing the Mayor to participate with 20% of matching funds which is due to the State of Connecticut for construction activities. This is to authorize the Mayor to issue payment to Connecticut DOT.

Mr. Yeosock said this will cover the 20% of the State's expenses for overseeing the project for inspections, material testing and their fees. He said once they get this in, Connecticut DOT will authorize them to advertise this out to bid and then finally ready for construction.

Mr. Livingston asked about the timeline for this project, assuming it is approved.

Mr. Yeosock said they are authorizing them to start advertising the last week of July. They will bid it through August and will probably come before the Committee in September to award it.

Mr. Livingston asked if the construction will begin this year.

Mr. Yeosock responded that they would like to get some of the clearing, grubbing and vance work done and the ordering of materials. Some of it will be underway during the late Fall/Winter season and then final paving and construction in the Spring.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO C.N. WOOD OF CONNECTICUT, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VACTOR 2100 PLUS VACUUM TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED \$537,342.80.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Carr stated that this vacuum truck's brand name is called Vactor. It is definitely the Cadillac of all trucks. He said this Vactor truck is a bit different than most because it has a water recycler in it. That means as they are doing sewer cleaning, instead of having water inside the tank of the truck to use to clean the pipes, it generates its own water so it actually takes water from the sewer as you're cleaning and recycles and cleans it in as a filtration system on the truck. It eliminates the need to have to connect to fire hydrants which many public utilities do not like anymore because the contractor or the municipality tends to mess up the fire hydrants especially if they haven't been in operation for a while. It allows the truck to be self-sufficient, no longer needing to draw water from a hydrant to clean the sewer pipes. It takes the water that's originally stocked inside the back part of

the tank along with the sewer water and cleans it. It also saves time from having a crew go back and empty the water once it reaches capacity, then refilling. That means as they are doing sewer cleaning instead of having water inside the tank of the truck to use to clean the pipes, it generates its own water so it actually takes water from the sewer as your cleaning and recycles and recycles and cleans it in as a filtration system on the truck. The water recycler is definitely an advanced component of this truck. He said the truck has a 12 cubic yard dump body which allows storage for sediment and all the stuff in sewers. There is software in it which ensures the safety of the operator. There are more controls, an operator can see water levels and troubleshooting alarms can be observed. It protects the operator, driver and helps to troubleshoot problems before they arise. It also has a telescopic boom which means it allows the arm to go inside and out of the sewer or catch basin for cleaning. The arm can extend to 15 feet. This truck also has a 2500 psi force which is the force of the water that comes out of the jet that cleans the pipes, to break up materials and the water comes out 80 gallons per minute.

Mr. Torre said there is a savings of approximately 10 hours per week going back to the garage to refill with water. The telescopic boom actually extends 27 feet in a 90 degree angle from the truck. It sucks from the front of the truck which is safer for the guys working. The water savings from the recycler will save about 1,500 to 6,000 a day, up to 30,000 gallons a week.

Mr. Tsiranides added through Mr. Carr and Mr. Torre's research, they were able to save a lot of money for this truck.

Mr. Carr said they budgeted \$600,000 for truck bids and this truck came back as \$537,000. He asked Chris if that was correct.

Mr. Torre responded yes.

Mr. Livingston asked about the life of the truck.

Mr. Torre responded that the Vactors they have now are from 2006 to 2008 so about 15 years.

Mr. Livingston asked if the truck would replace an existing truck.

Mr. Torre responded yes, it will replace two (2) existing trucks.

Mr. Carr said that they are keeping the second truck as a backup.

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

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. DISCUSSION

1. SEDIMENT REMOVAL CONTRACT

Mr. Carr reported on this. He stated they have five (5) locations permitted and allocated for work and they are Friendly Road, Lloyd Road, Hunter Lane, June Avenue and Keeley. They are 80% complete with the open channel dredging on Friendly Road. They received five (5) permits which was an extensive effort. He thanked Drew Berndlmaier and Vanessa Valadares for their hard work. Friendly Road should be completed within the next two (2) weeks. Lloyd is next assuming no unforeseen conditions pop up.

2. HEAVY PIPE CLEANING CONTRACT

Mr. Carr reported on this. He stated that they have completed all six (6) locations of storm pipe cleaning at West Cedar @ Scribner Avenue, 130 North Taylor @ Oak Hills Golf Club, Andrews Field @ County Street, Hunters Lane @ Surrey Drive, Bouton Street @ Railroad Tracks and additionally included 8 & 10 Lloyd Road in anticipation of the channel dredging that will occur in the next two (2) weeks. He stated operations did an incredible job cleaning that up. Mr. Berndlmaier and Ms. Valadares worked hard as well on this.

Ms. Valadares said they have over 5,000 feet of inner pipe cleaned. The total tonnage was 553.36. West Cedar 368 tons, Andrews Field 116 tons, Surrey Drive 15 tons, Bouton Street 15 tons and Lloyd Road 33 tons. They are complete and are waiting to process the final payment. They are on budget as well. She said it was a very good project even with some of the rain they got from the tropical storms. They didn't get some of the complaints that they usually receive so they can see that the cleaning helped some of the houses.

Mr. Carr informed the Committee that 550 tons equates to 1.1 million pounds of sediment. He gave kudos to Ms. Valadares, Mr. Berndlmaier and Operations.

Mr. Tsiranides said they did a great job and thanked them for their efforts.

3. PAVING, CURBS AND SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Carr reported on this. He said that they have completed about 9.0 centerline miles of road paving. They anticipate at least 20 centerline miles completed by the end of the paving year. They have spent about 5.1 million to date and will be spending another 3.8 million which is related to the 3.75 million paving extension the Committee approved a few months ago.

Ms. Valadares said this week they completed the fire house lot. They will begin on Michael Street, weather permitting, and all the streets within that area. They should

be done by the end of the week. There is also drainage work related to paving that will be worked on in the Driftwood Area. Asphalt sidewalk work will also take place on Michael Street. The sidewalk crew is working on 4th Street. They have been working non-stop for over three (3) months. Once they are done on 4th Street, they are going to Cove and work their way up and then work on 1st street. The paving will begin on the streets that already have the concrete sidewalks installed. In late August, there will be a group of paving of 25 roads.

4. SIMPLE RECYCLING (TEXTILE COLLECTION)

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Ms. Lauricella for all of her ideas and creative recycling methods that are out there right now. He said she spends a lot of time and it's a lot of work researching all of this to find what's available. He said that the team at Public Works take every suggestion and/or recommendation seriously and they follow up.

Mr. Carr said the program is simple. This vendor, Simple Recycling Program, takes textiles like, jackets, shoes, blankets and partnership with municipalities. They place a pink bag out along the curb line on certain days, you fill the bag, and they pick it up with no cost to the City. He said to follow up with Ms. Lauricella's request, Ms. Paladino and Mr. Torre learned that the program was suspended due to Covid19 and unfortunately to follow that the curbside collection of textiles in lower Fairfield County, has been cancelled and the facility in Stamford was shut down. Stamford said the program was good but there were also challenges such as receiving extra calls because the pink bag wasn't picked up.

Mr. Langella thanked the team for their diligence on that and doing their homework.

5. FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION (COMPOST) PROGRAM

Mr. Tsiranides said the pilot program in Rowayton has been doing great with a lot of positive feedback. They are moving forward with this initiative and will set up at the Norwalk Transfer Station and will be available to everyone in the City and hopefully will receive the same response.

Mr. Livingston said this has been a tremendous program. He thanked Mr. Carr, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Torre and the Team. They keep adding dumpsters because people love it so much. He said the bottom line is it works. They are looking forward to the roll out at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Tsiranides thanked Mr. Livingston for taking that on in Rowayton. He said programs like these may not be cost effective and there may even be a better way to do it but the environmental savings they see and the benefits they see, outweigh the little extra cost.

Mr. Carr explained how it works. (See pamphlet) They have allocated \$12,000 from the operating budget. There were numerous requests for this program. The CFO, Council and Mayor all approved the \$12,000 allocation. It has been very successful in Rowayton and he hope it's just as successful at the Transfer Station. There will be

kits sold at \$25 each. The kits contain a six (6) gallon pail and inside that there is a two (2) gallon pail which is more for the countertop. The kits also come with 50 compostable bags. He asked Ms. Paladino if someone could get a home depot bucket if they didn't want to buy the kits.

Ms. Paladino answered yes.

Mr. Carr said Ms. Lauricella asked how much does this cost. He responded the cost that they are seeing per ton could be from \$110 to \$120 a ton to get rid of this material and they are not giving compost back. They are selling the compost.

Ms. Paladino said they have seen approximately \$175 a ton in Rowyaton based on weight due to water.

Mr. Carr said they are trying to cart out their MSW at now \$90 a ton and this can range in price. It ranges because the program is fairly new. Experts advised that as garbage prices go up, those should escalate down. He said any amount of tonnage you remove from the waste stream or "MSW" which goes to the energy recovery plant but the non-technical term is the burn plan. It is an environmentally sustainable initiative that does cost more at the moment. They flyer is on the website and a press release as well. They are beginning with two (2) bins which will be picked up once a week for all of the 12 months. Mr. Carr said they will not suspend the program during the winter. If the program takes off at the Transfer Station, they will add more bins. If the program is a bust and they ask for more funding the following year, they will try a new location like Cranberry Park.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – MAY/JUNE 2020

Mr. Carr reported on this. He said that during the month of June, curbside pickup and garbage was up 20.8% when compared to same time last year. He said Covid19 had an impact as people were cleaning out attics, garages and basements. This June compared to last June, the recycling numbers went up as well.

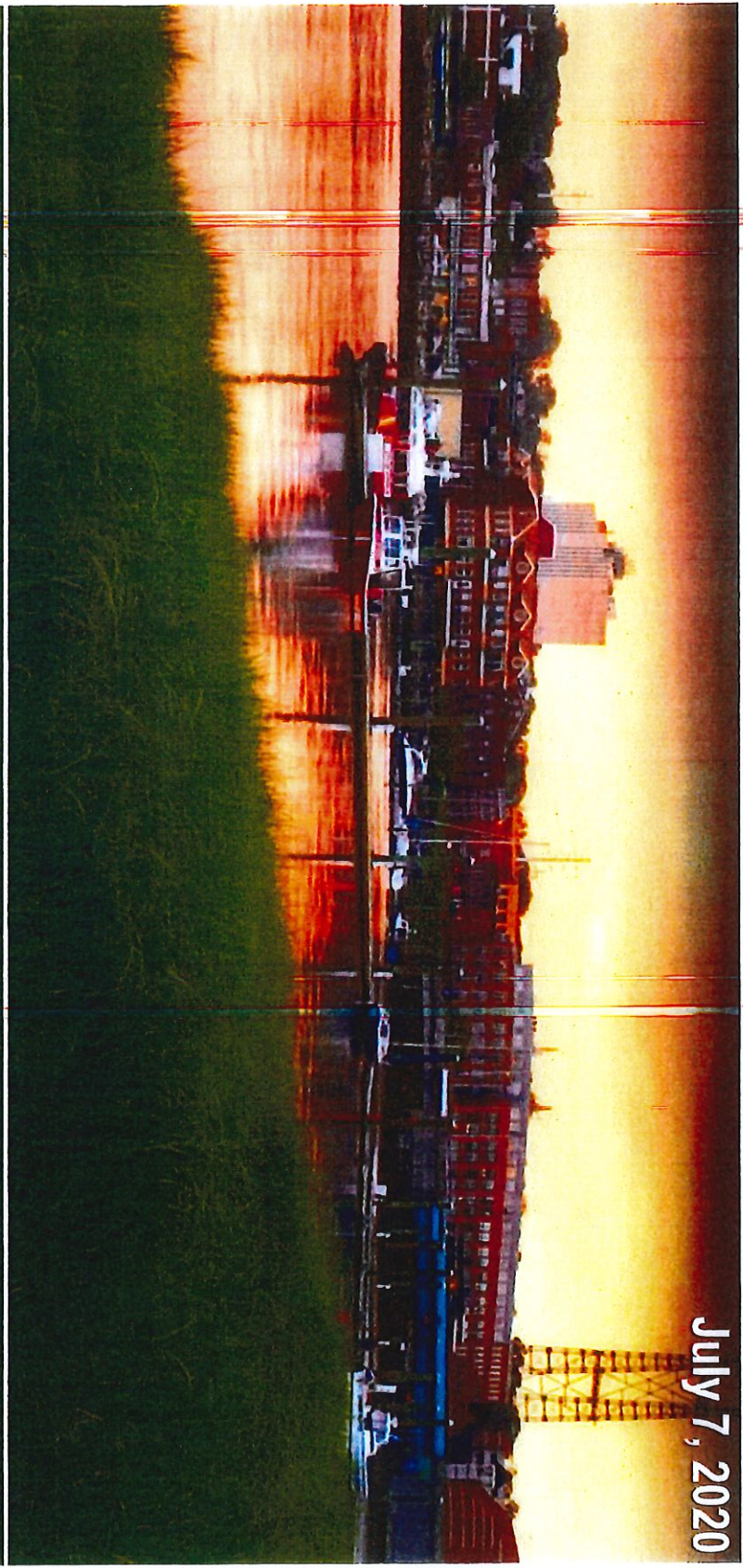
UPCOMING PROJECTS

ADJOURNMENT ****MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**
Public Works Committee
Public Hearing
7:00 P.M. Location TBD

Dreanny Hollow Flood Mitigation Study Executive Summary of Results



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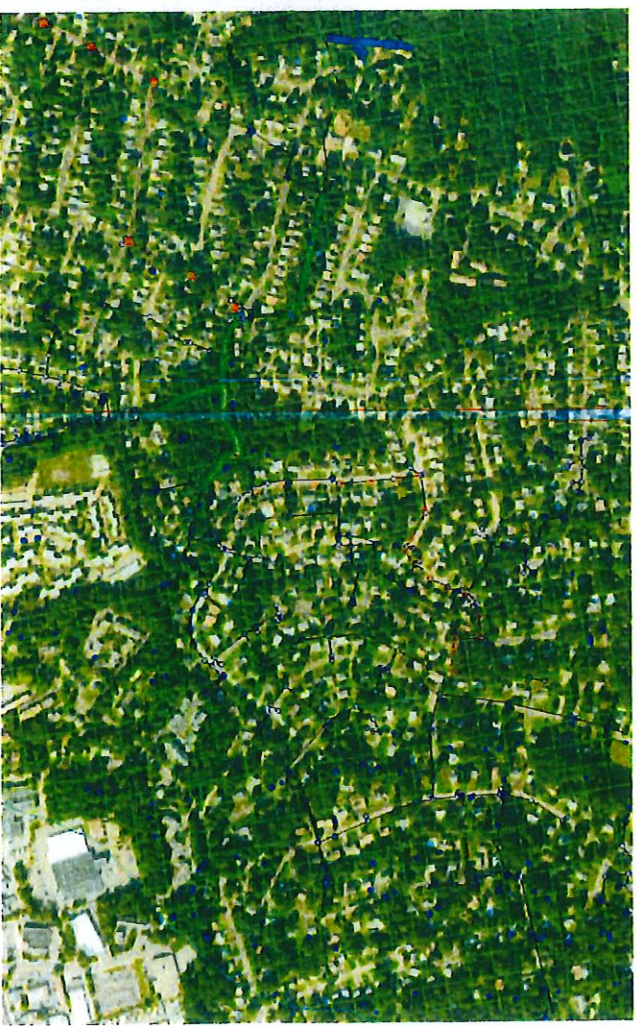
Flooding Summary

- Design Storm 4% Annual Chance Event
 - 25-year storm
 - 6.39" of rain in 24-hour period
- Study Area
 - Approximately 400 acres
- Current Floodplain
 - Approximately 133 acres
 - average depth of 0.9 feet
- Infiltration 43% (or 2.77 inches)
- Volume of water remaining
 - 121 acre-feet



Alternative Analysis

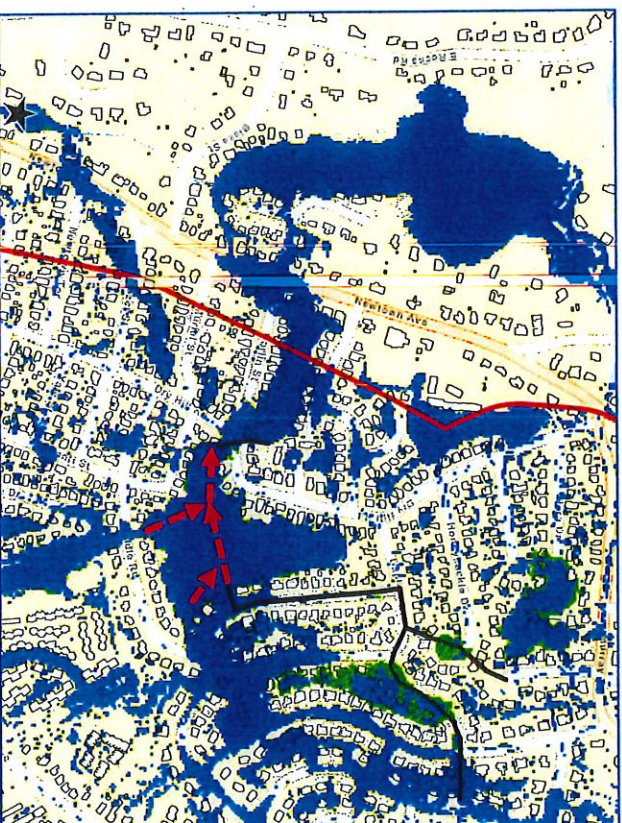
- We have analyzed 20 different improvements and more the 30 different alternative scenarios to find mitigation alternatives that work.



Recommendation

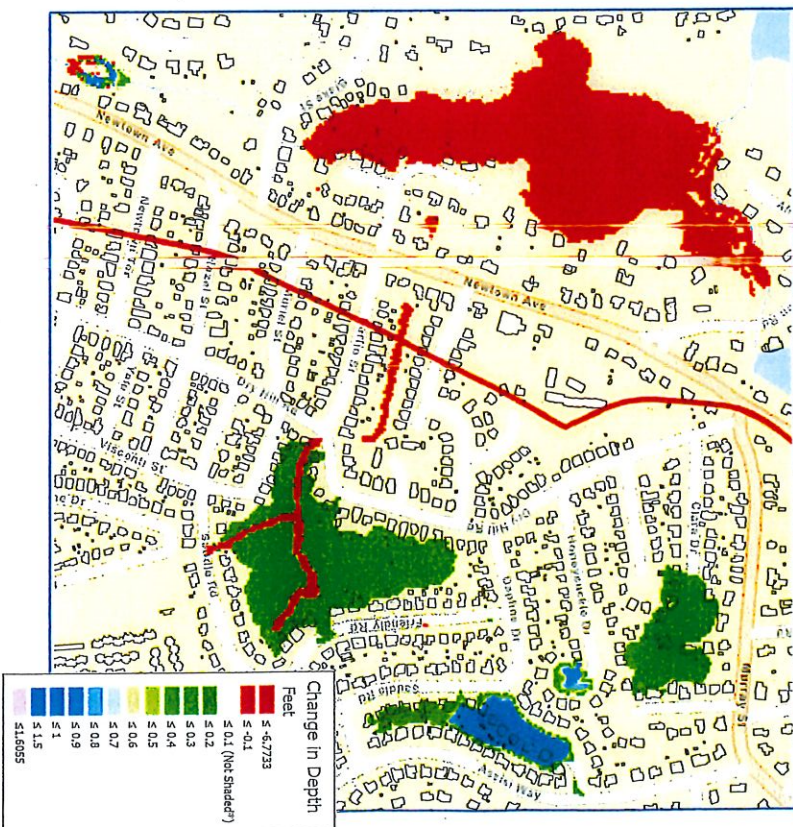
The complexity of drainage requires a three-prong approached for success.

1. Improve flow from Friendly Pond to Norwalk River
 - Remove Betts Pond Brook Dam
 - Upgrade Dry Hill Road Outfall
2. Improve storage and flow through Friendly Pond
 - City's ongoing sediment removal projects
3. Improve drainage to Friendly Pond
 - Trunk line Upgrade
 - Added system interconnect

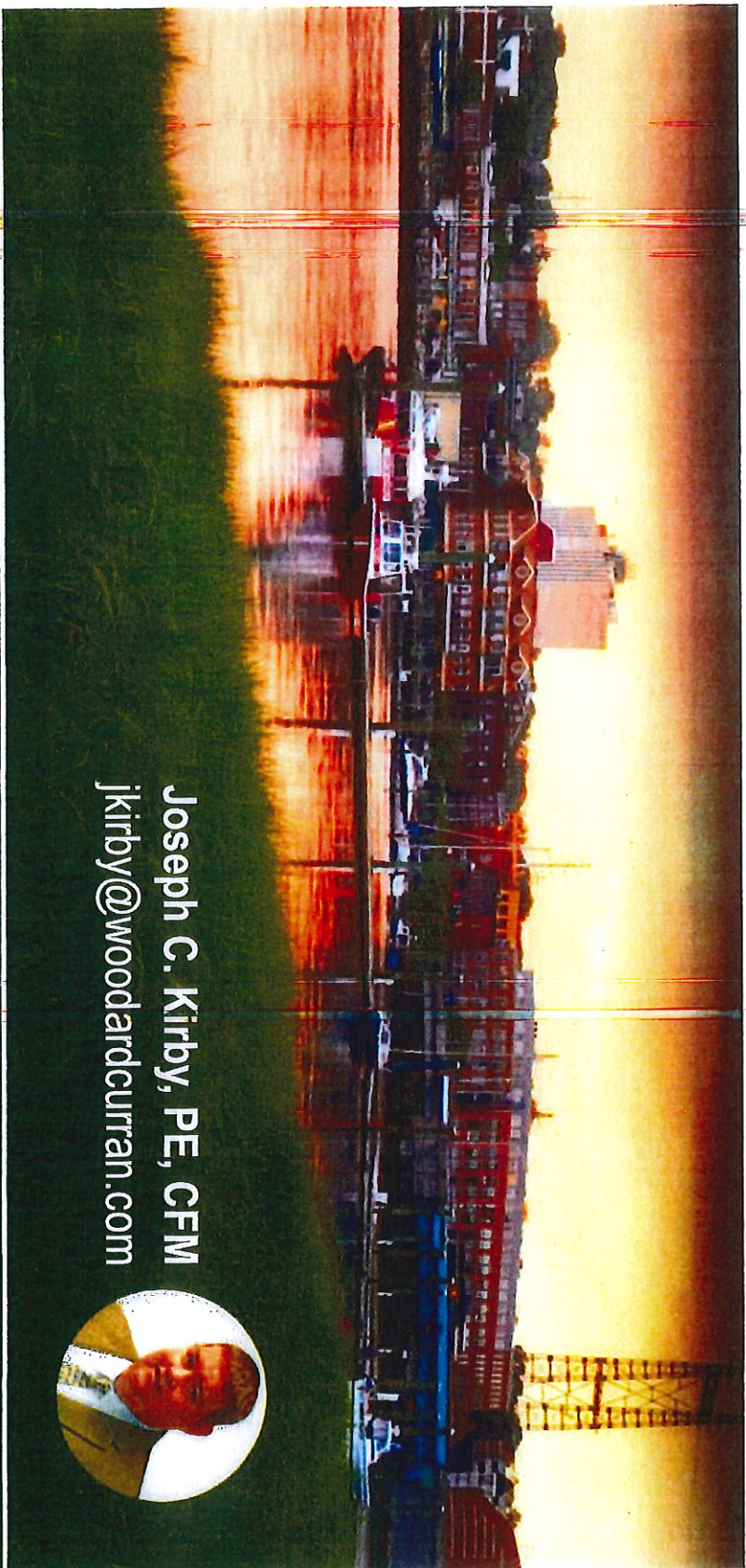


Results

Scenario	Improvement	Description	Planning Cost	Flood Reduction	Number of Buildings with Reduced Flooding	Number of Buildings Removed from Flooding
2A	Upgrades Trunk Line (Saddle)	From Friendly Pond, up Friendly Road, across Daphne Drive, up Saddle Drive to Assis Drive		-6.7 to 0.3 Feet	22	1
2B	Upgrades Trunk Line (Daphne) and Flow Diversion	Honeysuckle Drive divert flow to Daphne Drive, upgrade trunk down Friendly Road to Friendly Pond		-6.7 to 1.0 Feet	36 (2 outside Study Area)	8
3A	Friendly Pond Outlet Improvements at Dry Hill Road	Replace and upsized pipe under Dry Hill Road to increase outlet capacity		-6.6 to 0.4 Feet	29 (3 outside study area)	0
5A	Dam Removal	Betts Pond Brook Dam Removal		-6.6 to 1.6 Feet	14 (12 outside study area)	0
2A, 2B, 3A, & 5A	Together	Trunk Line Upgrades (Saddle & Daphne), Interconnect, Dry Hill Outlet, and Dam Removal	\$3.1 M	-6.7 to 1.6 Feet	42	0



Questions?



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Anthony R. Carr, Director of Public Works
FROM: Jessica C. Paladino, Waste Programs Manager
CC: Chris Torre, Highway Superintendent
DATE: Food Scrap Collection (Compost) Pilot Program
RE: July 1, 2020

The City of Norwalk is launching the Food Scrap Collection (Compost) pilot program at the Norwalk Transfer Station (61 Crescent St) the week of July 13, 2020.

There will be brown bins located at the Transfer Station, next to the Single-stream compactor. Residents are encouraged to bring their food scraps to the Transfer Station to recycle.

Accepted Items include: All Food, including fruit and vegetable (remove stickers, bands, and ties); meat and poultry (bones are ok); fish and shellfish (shells are ok); dairy products; bread and pasta; rice and grains; egg shells; chips and snacks; nuts and seeds; and leftover, spoiled and expired food (cooked food is ok); coffee grounds (paper filters are ok); tea bags (paper filters are ok but no staples); paper towels and/or napkins (NOT soiled with cleaning supplies); cut flowers; and Compostable Bags (BPI Certified).

Items NOT accepted, include: plastic bags; plastic packaging or wrappers; baby, hand, or flushable wipes; Pet Waste.

Starter Kits will be available for purchase for \$25. The kits will include: one 2-gallon countertop pail, one 6-gallon home storage & transportation bin, and two rolls of 25 compostable bags for the countertop pail.

Please see the attached flyer on Food Scrap Recycling, and additional information will be available online at www.norwalkct.org/composting

Why Recycle Food Scraps?

Food scraps are one of the largest components of trash sent to landfills and incinerators. However, food scraps are not garbage, they are a resource that can be turned into useful compost.

Recycling food scraps into compost captures their nutrients and energy and returns them to the environment. When food scraps are sent to a landfill or incinerator this resource is lost. In a landfill, food scraps create methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas that traps CO₂ and contributes to global warming. When sent to an incinerator, food scraps reduce the efficiency of the incinerator because they contain water and therefore don't burn well.

Composting food scraps turns that story around! Instead of wasting energy trying to burn food, or creating methane from landfilling it, composting food scraps produces a useful and valuable product that gives back to our nutrient life cycle resulting in cleaner soil, water and air.

What Is Compost?

Compost is a soil amendment which enriches our soil. When purchasing a bag of potting soil or putting down "dirt" on your lawn you are using compost.

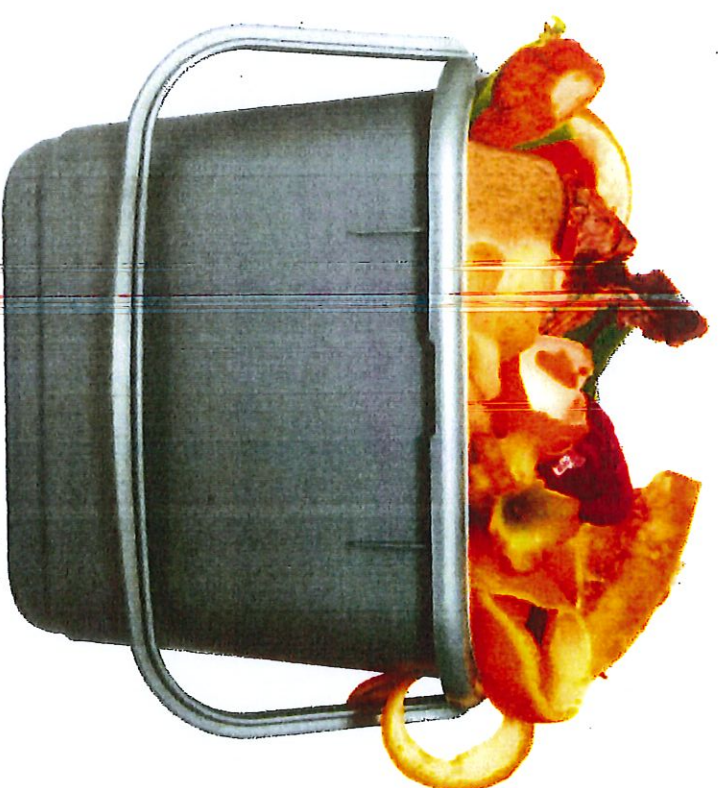
Compost benefits our landscape by maximizing plant growth, preventing soil erosion and mitigating the frequency of water, fertilizer and pesticide use.

By recycling your food scraps you are reducing waste and creating compost - a double win!

THANK YOU for your participation in Norwalk's Food Scrap Recycling Program!

City of Norwalk

Food Scrap Recycling Guide



Food Scrap Recycling

Here's How To Do It:

1. COLLECT your food scraps at home in a pail or other container.

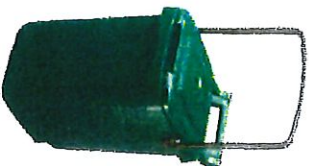
Although, not required, you may line your pail or other container with a BPI certified Compostable Bag but NOT a Plastic Bag.



2. TRANSFER food scraps into a larger pail or bucket with a cover for weekly storage. It is recommended that food storage bins be kept indoors – either in the house or in the garage.

3. BRING your food scraps in a pail or bucket to a drop-off location to dispose of your food scraps. Food scraps can be transferred into the drop-off bins either in a BPI certified compostable bag or simply unbagged.

All material collected will be brought to a commercial composting facility where it will be turned into compost.



Drop-off Location and Hours:

The Food Scrap Recycling drop off-bins are located at the:

- Norwalk Transfer Station (**61 Crescent St.**). Drop-offs can be made any day the Station is open.
- Rowayton Community Center (**33 Highland Ave**), behind the library and across from the equipment garage. Drop-offs can be made Wednesdays from 8:30am to 1:30pm.

There is no charge to drop off food scraps.

Accepted Items:

- ALL FOOD, including:
 - Fruits and Vegetables (remove stickers, bands, ties)
 - Meat and Poultry (bones ok)
 - Fish and Shellfish (shells ok)
 - Dairy Products
 - Bread and Pasta
 - Rice and Grains
 - Egg Shells
 - Chips and Snacks
 - Nuts and Seeds
 - Leftover, Spoiled and Expired Food (cooked ok)
 - Coffee Grounds (paper filters ok)
- Tea Bags (no staples)
- Paper Towels and Napkins (Colored OK; NOT soiled with cleaning supplies)
- Cut Flowers
- Compostable Bags – BPI Certified (**NO PLASTIC BAGS**)

Items Not Accepted:

- Plastic bags, plastic packaging and wrappers are never allowed in the bins. Plastic does not biodegrade and therefore will contaminate the compost. Use only compostable bags, paper bags or no bags.
- Baby/Hand wipes are never allowed in the bins. They are synthetic, do not biodegrade and will contaminate the compost.

- **Please NO PET WASTE!**

- If unsure about an item, please email us before putting it in the bin: Composting@Norwalkct.org

Additional Information:

Starter kits can be purchased from the City of Norwalk for \$25. Kits include one 2 gallon countertop pail, one 6-gallon home storage & transportation bin and two rolls of 25 compostable bags for the pail.

QUESTIONS? Email

Composting@Norwalkct.org

Information on where to buy kits is available at www.norwalkct.org