

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Convened: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Dave Billips, Director of Public Works
Casey Berube, Deputy Superintendent
John Sullivan, Chairman
Mark Crossotti, City Engineer
Thomas Pereira, Member
Brittany Rash, Senior Clerk

Alison Daigle, Principal Clerk
Les Lefebvre, City Council

Reading of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 waived and accepted.

1. **Public Participation:**

Bob Pac from the rail trail presented usage counts for the trail from various locations. South of the Tin Bridge there was a head count performed during certain time frames that showed a headcount of 150, 600, and 508 participants; 381 of which were using bicycles. He shared that there was a statewide rail count that Southwick recorded 701 participants; 620 bicycles, from Connecticut by the Red Robin. With the expansion of the rail trail there are hopes to attract more folks from CT, Southwick, etc to the Westfield downtown businesses. From the Harvest Moon Ramp and Colony Ramp (2 signs went down to the river); the FRIENDS group took them out of the river and brought them to the DPW. Matt Roman, wants to know what the plans are for the roads in terms of traffic and lines on the road. At the City Council meeting he brought the tests for the air and wants the Health Department to become involved.

2. **Discussion of August Recess:**

A letter will be composed and brought to the next Board of Public Works Commission Meeting.

3. **City Councilor Communications:**

A lot of positive feedback was provided on the City road improvements that have been underway. It was stated that Chapter 90 funds covered most of the cost for Laro Road improvements.

4. **Follow-Up Discussion on Veterans Banner Protocol:**

A sample of the banner from the company that solely does this work was presented with positive feedback from the Board Members. The company provides coverage for any damage that the banners may sustain. There are 10 different templates offered on the website. Veterans Affairs will have to go over the applications to verify the information provided; for example that folks were honorably discharged. There will be further discussion as to when and how the banners will be presented on posts within the downtown area of the City. Easthampton does May to August and then from August to November.

5. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report David Billips:**

There will be core samples obtained from Northwest Road like the samples taken from North Road with Chapter 90 funds, Engineering and City Engineer will be working on this project as well. Prospect Street and Northwest Road are expected to be completed this year. Potholes are being filled everyday weather permitting. Servistar Industrial Way has a Stormwater plan that is being developed by Engineering and then the pavement plan can occur. Twiss Street is mentioned to have potholes that need patching. City Council graciously gave \$75,000 to assist in covering contractor work for pothole patching and road work. The trash truck plan has stayed on the budget plan with the Mayor. The City will own 2 trash trucks once the budget is in place and next year plans to purchase another 2 trucks so we will not have to lease anymore. The Montgomery Road sewer back-up will have a camera to assess the situation and there is weekly maintenance. It was mentioned there is timber clearing

6. **City Engineer Mark Cressotti:**

There is a project plan being designed with Woodard and Curran for the Crescent Circle situation. An easement was established but the developer did not follow it and made a maze out of it and the erosion occurring and exposing pipes. The right of entry has not been received as of yet. The residents are willing to work with the City of Westfield to get the proper easement and right of entry access. As of now, DPW and Engineering are still awaiting City Council's decision on whether or not to pass the increase of the Stormwater rate which would assist in obtaining the construction funds to complete the Crescent Circle project. The Columbia Greenway has passed to MASS DOT later part of August or September; from Main Street to the river. On the City of Westfield website under the engineering department there is a section for active plans if anyone is interested in seeing the current

plans and ideas. The traffic lights for Springfield Road have started the approval process and are currently just waiting for the permit from MASS DOT to bid for the work to be done. The traffic lights will be coordinated from Little River Road down to East Mountain Road. Western Avenue East to Holcomb Street are awaiting a public hearing during the summer and the discussion will include full traffic lights at Lloyds Hill. Plantation Circle plans are set in motion and the start of the pump station will begin once it is tested and trained and then can be put into service. July 1st is the hope for the sewer to start on Pineridge. If the plans and funds pass City Council, the Mayor has budgeted for traffic signals at Springdale and Papermill. The state is looking to re-do Southampton Road as the air base wants to relocate the entrance to Southampton Road. Interchange 3 is still a work in progress. Engineering is working with paving contractors to finalize the pavement to Washington Street.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.


Secretary