

Town of Darien
Public Works Committee to the RTM
Meeting: Mar 14, 2011, 8:00pm at Rm 213

Attendees: Mark Adiletta (Chair), Brian Rayhill (Vice-Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Richard Poli, David Kahn, Holly Schulz, Frank Adelman

Absent: Moore, Noe, Stolar, Peters

Meeting Minutes:

There were 8 of 12 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

1. Motion by Mark Adileta to approve the PWC meeting minutes of Feb 15, 2011 with Hoyt Street Pedestrian Safety Update document attached. Motion Seconded. **Results:** 7 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain
2. The Committee held a discussion on the newly announced Bulk Waste Pickup. The Town-wide pick-up will be by appointment only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from April 25 – June 21. PWC was not advised of the new procedure before the public announcement. Mark Adiletta will speak to Mr. Steeger and Mr. Campbell about the lack of input from the PWC. There were several questions about the wording of the public announcement that the PWC would like further clarification.
3. A discussion was held on sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Steeger will be asked to attend the next PWC meeting in April. He will be asked if a sidewalk maintenance plan exists or is being developed. Holly Schulz noted that the recently conducted sidewalk survey identified numerous issues with the sidewalks throughout town. There are a large number of town citizens who believe the DPW should review the quality of the sidewalks annually and develop a plan to build/maintain the walkways in Darien.
4. A discussion was held on the status of the Talmadge Hill pedestrian access. The BOS have approved \$40,000 in the 2011/2012 budget for an Engineering Study and Design Study. The PWC believes that this project should be undertaken and the funding approved by the Board of Finance. Holly Schulz stated that the Public Health & Safety Committee is also discussing ways to ensure these studies are undertaken. Peter Kelly made a motion for the PWC to endorse the following statement:
The Public Works Committee of the Representative Town Meeting of Darien, Connecticut requests the Board of Finance of the Town of Darien, Connecticut to approve such preliminary engineering costs for a sidewalk along Hoyt Street between Barringer Road and Country Club Road as reflected in the 2011/2012 budget prepared by the Board of Selectmen of Darien, Connecticut.
Motion was seconded. **Results:** 8 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain.

Mark Adiletta (PWC Chair) will speak to District 1 chair (Reilly Tierney) and the Public Health and Safety chair about submitting a combined endorsement of these 2 design projects to the Board of Finance before the end of March.

5. A brief discussion was held on the DPW Capital projects in the 2011/2012 budget. Mr. Steeger will be invited to our next meeting to discuss these projects and schedule a tour of the proposed capital projects and the DPW site.

The next meeting of the PWC is scheduled for April 18, 2011 at 8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm based on a motion by Dick Poli. Motion seconded.

P. Kelly
Mar 15, 2011