

Minutes  
Borough of Naugatuck  
Board of Street Commissioners  
March 24, 2010

The Board of Street Commissioners Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. Chairman with the following members in attendance.

MEMBERS:

Chairman John Ford - **(Absent)**  
Vice Chairman Sebastian Barbosa  
Co-Secretary Mark Ruccio  
Commissioner Timothy Walsh  
Commissioner Judith Rossi Scatena

OTHERS:

James Stewart, Director of Public Works  
Bob Roland, Public Works Supt.  
Sheila Baummer, Recycling Coordinator  
Burgess Liason Mindy Fragoso  
Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro, Clerk  
Public: Rosa Villano, Diamantino Rebimbas,  
Beverly Maxwell

Vice Chairman Sebastian Barbosa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Sebastian Barbosa and seconded by Commissioner Timothy Walsh to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2010 as submitted, all members having received copies for review.

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Walsh		
Scatena		

Motion Carried

**Public Comment – Rosa Villano, 116 Rice Ln. Ext. Beacon Falls** has addressed the Commission several times in regards to the change to trash collection at over 4 family dwellings and is still unhappy with the change. She passed out a letter to the Commission giving 30 days for a resolution that will agree with her concerns to this matter or will seek legal counsel. **Mindy Fragoso, 68 Heritage Drive;** made Mr. Roland aware of the changes to the trash collection and would like to sit down with Jim Stewart and other members to look at the exact cost of collecting at these multi-family homes and the cost of collection at private roads. She also said that she does not normally succumb to the threat of litigation but in this case her opinion is different and feels it is important to look at numbers to put this issue to rest. Jim said that he would be happy to sit down with Burgess Fragoso and work out some numbers. **Ed Carter, Mayor's Aide** – Thanked the Street Dept. employees for there work during the flooding issues thru mud and hazardous conditions. He has been going through the list of roads with Sheila Baummer to determine which roads are private and which are not and when doing that he realized that some do not have collection because when the development

was approved it was included in the deed and planning that those roads would not have collection and will continue to further investigate along with Sheila and would like to also thank Street Dept. on there efforts during the recent rain storms assisting with flooding. **Diamantino Rebimbas, 250 Stonefence Rd.** said he never complains about anything but he feels that his trash not being collected at his over 4 family properties is wrong and wants to know how much the dept. is saving and if it is necessary to upset people. He also said that he feels the taxes should be raised on the properties if necessary and the Borough should continue to collect the trash. At one of the properties he has no room for dumpster. Commissioner Ruccio asked what happens if there is no room for a dumpster and Jim Stewart answered that most private haulers have wheeled containers just like the rest of the borough will have as soon as the automated collection begins.

**Trash Collection at Condominums @ 236 Cherry St.** – Jim Stewart received a letter from 236 Cherry St. and they are requesting trash collection for there condos because they are only 4 units and in there deeds they do not show any restrictions as to not having trash collection from the Borough. Jim also discussed the situation with the Borough Attorney and confirmed that there is trash at another similar style dwelling on Cherry St. being collected at this time. He has recommended to Commission that the Commission vote to have the public works dept. begin collecting their trash. Commissioner Walsh asked what the layout of the bldg was and Jim Stewart answered that they are two duplex style bldgs. close to the road for curbside collection. Mindy Fragoso suggested that the Commission wait 30 days to make that change to give time to investigate other properties only because when the word Condominium is used normally it refers to properties that do not get any Municipal Services because Condominium Associations are responsible for those services.

**Commissioners Concerns:** Commissioner Scatena has received a couple calls in regards to the road sinking at Hackett St. & Colonial Lane and would like the Street Dept. to take a look and see what they can do. Commissioner Walsh would like to see a list of all the private road and services they receive. Vice- Chairman Barbosa thanked the volunteers that cleaned up the litter on Candee Rd. and would like to see the Public Works Dept. sit down and put together numbers concerning collections at multi-families and private roads.

**Sub-Committee Reports** – No Sub-Committee Reports.

**Report of the Public Works Supt:** - Bob Roland said he started the first week of February in the heart of the winter and was very impressed by the work of the plows. Will be tweeking the routes a little to make them more equitable. Received the spray bar for new truck and has not been able to test but is hoping to look at new deicing products for next year. Snow removal accounts are over budget. The crew is filling potholes daily and tried new UPM cold patch and seems to be working well. A couple of issues with flooding and exploring some temporary solutions. Sweeping began on March 29<sup>th</sup> with downtown and is posting the scheduled areas in the newspapers.

**Budget/Transfers/Bid Review** – None

**LU303 ISSUES** – None

**Public Comment (Related to Meeting Issues)** – None

**Personnel Issues** – None

**Public Comment (related to meeting issues)** Beverly Maxwell, 236 Cherry St. said that times are tough financially and with two units behind on condo fees there are only 2 units trying to keep it together and does not want to postpone the decision of beginning trash collection. She is pleading that the Borough collections begin immediately. Vice-Chairman Barbosa apologized for any inconvenience this may cause but would like to hold a special meeting in 30 days to look at all the information that has been compiled in regards to the condominiums before deciding and he requested her phone number to contact her when the meeting is scheduled. Mindy Fragoso welcomed Mr. Roland aboard and also asked whether or not residents should sweep dirt into the road prior to there road being swept and Mr. Roland answered that yes indeed they should but not form piles. Ed Carter asked that this year the brush tractor cut brush back before the road is swept because in the past the roads were swept and then the brush tractor would come by leaving debris and when it rains it washes it down into catch basins.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Barbosa and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to hold a special meeting within 30 days to discuss 236 Cherry St. Condominiums

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Walsh		
Scatena		

Motion by Vice-Chairman Barbosa and seconded by Commissioner Ruccio to adjourn at 6:44 P.M.

Voted in favor	Voted against	Abstained
Barbosa		
Ruccio	NONE	NONE
Scatena		
Walsh	Motioned Carried	

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Rossi Scatena  
Co-Secretary  
JRS/MR/Ilb

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Ruccio  
Co-Secretary

**Cc: Street Commissioners, Mayor Robert Mezzo, Edward Carter, Mayor's Assistant, Burgess Mindy V. Fragoso, James Stewart, James Braziel, Pres. LU 303-12 Bulletin Boards- Mayors office/ Street Department Office/Garage/ file.**