

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee
FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson
DATE: September 23, 2015
SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Sari Cantor, Denise Hall, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, John Phillips, Mark McGovern

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. MS4

John Philips discussed the changes the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has made to the MS4 permit. Although the changes have eased some of the requirements, we still believe the cost of this state mandate will add about \$500,000 to our annual expenditures in the Public Works and Community Services Departments. The permit will require additional street sweeping and catch basin cleaning, run off enforcement on construction sites, public outreach and new local regulations, as well as water testing and pollution enforcement.

2. I-84

Mark McGovern, who sits on a board evaluating the options for the reconstruction of the I-84 viaduct, discussed the public comment process that ConnDOT is using to review possible plans. Regardless of whether I-84 is closed during construction or not, the construction is likely to have a significant impact on traffic in West Hartford. Construction is likely to begin after 2020. The web site can be found at <http://www.i84hartford.com/>.

3. Flood Plain Management

DEEP will be removing sediment and clearing the stream banks of vegetation along Trout Brook between Fern Street and Park Road. This work is expected to begin late October.

4. Parking

The Committee discussed parking in West Hartford Center and requested the administration look at better marketing and implementing a holiday discount system through our Passport.com app. The Center has been very busy this summer in the month of August alone 88,000 cars were parked in or on street spaces.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors