INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - JULY 27, 2009

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Brann	Councilor Jean Lawlis
Mayor Matthew Arnett	Councilor Janet Hughes
Councilor William Shakespeare	Public Works Director Chip Swan
Councilor Andre Cushing	Town Manager, Sue Lessard
Councilor Shannon Cox	Donna Dwyer
Matthew DeRosby	David Smith
Stanely Abraham	Carol Abraham
Nancy Smith	

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Brann.
Due to interested citizens attending the meeting, the Chairman took the agenda out of order so that their issues could be addressed first.

Item 3 – C Hillside Drive Drainage
The first order of business was Item 3c. Hillside Drive/Route 1A Drainage
The Public Works Director opened the discussion by informing the Committee members of the history of the area and his involvement with it over the past two years in trying to facilitate the MDOT to come up with a solution to the drainage ditch problem. He indicated that the MDOT had committed in this year to clean out the ditch, replace the cross culvert on Route 1A and to construct a sedimentation bowl and rock liner to keep the area from continuing to back up in the area of the ditch.

Councilors Brann and Hughes and Mayor Arnett indicated that they had visited the site to get a better understanding of the problem. Matt Derosby, abutter to the ditch, expressed his concern and frustration over the situation. He considers the site a health hazard due to the swampy conditions and said that he had been dealing with this subject in some form since he bought his home 6 years ago.

The ultimate solution will be the Route 1A rebuild that will include sidewalks and underground drainage. The next portion of that rebuild is due to be done next year but it stops one street before this area. The Town was asked to petition MDOT/BACTS to extend the project area to remedy the problem.

It was the consensus of the Committee that MDOT should go forward with the interim solution and that the Town should continue to urge them to do so in an expedient fashion. In addition, the Town will contact BACTS to see if there is any way in which the upcoming 1A project can be extended to Mountainview Drive instead of stopping at Hillside Drive. The Town will also keep this item on its ongoing agenda so that updates can be made at every Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Item 3 – b
Roadside Memorial –Western Avenue

Next discussed was the roadside memorial in front of Lakeview Cemetery that had been left in memory of Susan Abraham. The memorial was removed by Public Works personnel recently and was disposed of due to the fact that it had been more than two years since the accident. By the time the family had expressed concern, it was too late to retrieve the items. Since that location is in the MDOT right of way, the Public Works Director contacted MDOT for permission for the memorial to be there and the Town will be replacing the items.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Abraham attended the meeting and expressed their sadness that the memorial was removed without notifying them. They shared the history of the items there were there and asked that in future – families be notified if items are going to be removed and disposed of. They also expressed continued concern over the maintenance of bushes adjacent to the Canaan Road/Western Avenue intersection that may impede the view of cars entering onto Western Avenue. Mrs. Abraham stated that she believed that a flashing yellow light was needed at that intersection due to the configuration of the road and that she would work to lobby MDOT to get one installed.

The Town Manager indicated that the Public Works directory had been in contact with MDOT regarding the bush trimming and that the Town would notify the MDOT that it is requesting an evaluation of the Canaan Road/Western Avenue intersection for location of a flashing light.

Following that, the Committee went back to the regular order of the agenda.

1. Minutes of June 22, 2009 Meeting –*The minutes were reviewed by the Committee members – no additions, deletions, or corrections were suggested.*
2. Old Business
    a. Composting Update – *The Town Manager provided an update on research done into the idea of municipal composting. She indicated that the Town had obtained two manuals on the subject – one from the Cooperative Extension at UMaine and the other from the State Planning Office. She also discussed with the Committee the need for training in this area for a staff member so that the Town would have a better understanding of the issues related to the subject of composting at the Town level. The next session of the Maine Compost School is to be held in October, and the Manager recommended that the Committee recommend to the full council that a staff member be sent to that school. Motion by Matthew Arnett, seconded by Shannon Cox to recommend to the full Council that a staff member be sent to the next session of the Maine Compost School, vote 7 – 0.*
3. New Business
    a. Sewer Hook Up – Hampden Water District – *The Town Manager and Public Works Director explained the need for Council approval of a sewer hook-up for the Water District pump station on Route 1A (Main Road North) adjacent to the Bangor city line. The Sewer Ordinance requires that any hook up to the sewer that is not a direct connection be approved by the Town Council. This connection would go into the line that also serves Higgins, the abutter. Due to the low impact of the pump station in terms of flow, and the recommendation of the Public Works Director that it be approved, there was*

a motion by Shannon Cox, seconded by Janet Hughes to recommend to the full Council that the sewer connection for the Hampden Water District pump station on Main Road North adjacent to the Bangor line be approved. Vote 7-0.

b. Roadside Memorial – Western Avenue –*see above*
c. Hillside Drive/Route 1A Drainage – *see above*
d. Salt Bid – *Public Works Director Chip Swan explained that the State Bid for Salt was awarded to International Salt at a price of $68.05/ton and he was requesting permission to 'piggyback' on that bid. The Town had budgeted $70/ton. Motion by Janet Hughes, seconded by Andre Cushing to recommend to the full Council that we accept the salt bit with International Salt for a price of 68.095/ton. Vote 7-0.*
e. Road Opening Permits – *The Public Works Director discussed with the Committee problems that he has encountered in trying to enforce the provisions of road opening permits in cases where people have failed to properly obtain them. There are no penalty provisions associated with the process. It was the consensus of the Committee that language should be developed for presentation to the full Council related to amendments to the Streets and Ways ordinance.*
f. Driveway & Driveway Culvert Maintenance – *The Public Works Director presented a copy of the new State MDOT policy related to driveway culverts. The Town expends upwards of $10,000 per year replacing driveway culverts in paved driveways due to 'bumps'. MDOT will no longer be doing so and the Director requested that the Committee recommend to the full Council that the Town adopt the new State policy. Motion by Andre Cushing, seconded by Janet Hughes to recommend to the full Council the adoption of the new MDOT policy on driveway/entrance culvert maintenance (attached). Vote 7-0.*

4. Public Comments - *None*
5. Committee Member Comments – *None*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager