

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

January 23, 2026

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 029-26
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman ShIELA Hayes
Alderman Peter Nystrom - Absent w/ Notice
Alderman Zato Kadambaya

Administration

Brian Long, Director
Jeff Dewey, City Engineer
Kendra Highers, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

Joanne Philbrick of Elm Ave was in attendance to bring up issues regarding the number of trash cans located at Johnson House, residences leaving trash cans out to block sidewalks or reserve parking spaces, the state of the corner lot on Clinton Ave, signs on telephone poles and bulky waste. She also had questions regarding the Liberty Pole.

Members of the America's 250th Norwich CT Committee were in attendance to submit their Monument application for the Liberty Pole on the Norwichtown Green.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – 20 to 30 feet of walkway from stairs to Yantic Street is left due to weather. Once weather permits, this portion will be completed.
- Sidewalks from Huntington School to Hotels on West Town Street (Community Connectivity) – Freeman staff turnover has delayed the project. This project does not include bike lanes. DOT route approval is in process. Once approved the design can be finalized and bid documents developed. Bid opening anticipated for Spring 2026.
- New London Turnpike Bridge – DOT to finalize WMC's revised scope of work.
- New London Turnpike TAP Pedestrian Improvement Project – Kickoff meeting with B&W was on 11/5. Construction date is projected to be Spring 2026. Project includes bike lanes except from the bridge to Town St, which will have sharrows.

- New London Turnpike Walks South (LOTICIP) – DOT approval is in process. Wetlands permits for Norwich & Montville will be obtained 1/26. Bid documents are at 95%.
- Fontaine Field Improvements – Gale Associates was selected for the design. Project kicked off 11/5. The construction date is projected to be 2026, with 2027 as the conservative date depending on length of approvals processes. Currently in the process of design concepts.
- Howard Brown Park Docks – Piles have been drilled. Docks will be delivered and installed in Spring 2026.
- Market Street Garage – Bid opened 1/5 and will close 2/3. Anticipated construction start in Spring 2026.
- Main Street Garage – RFP will be going out soon.

B. Property Disposition

Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to recommend to the Full Council that the 21 parcels merged with 17 McKay St be listed with the realtor. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes).

C. Casella Contract

The new contract is currently being finalized by the City and Casella.

D. Memorial Street Signs

Alderman Kadambaya suggested some other details be added to the revised application created by the PW Director. It was agreed that everything should be included. The application will be revised again to include all pertinent information required.

E. Boswell Ave Sidewalks

Discussion was had about the Planning Department applying to utilize cannabis funds and submitting a CDBG grant application to put in new sidewalks on Boswell Ave. Alderwoman Hayes also brought up the issue with the new stop sign on Boswell Ave and requested a more advanced notice sign be placed to warn drivers of the upcoming stop sign. PW Director said that stop bars would also be painted once the weather permits.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Norwichtown Green Liberty Pole Monument Application

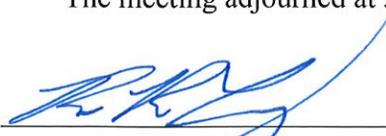
Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to request that the America's 250th Norwich CT Committee submit photos of past Liberty Poles as a frame of historical reference to PW Director, Brian Long. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Hayes, Second: Kadambaya).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes)



Brian R. Long, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

Alderman Shiela Hayes (Chair), Alderman Peter Nystrom, Alderman Zato Kadambaya, Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner