

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

February 19, 2026

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 035-26
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderwoman Shiela Hayes
Alderman Peter Nystrom
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 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

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, a liberty tree at Bean Hill Green and a liberty tree at Howard Brown Park.

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 – 3 of the 4 piles have been drilled. Docks will be delivered and installed in Spring 2026.
- Market Street Garage – Bid closed 2/19. Anticipated construction start in Spring 2026.
- Main Street Garage – Bids are now open. Elevator bid closes 3/11. Garage Rehabilitation bid closes 3/18.
- Hunters Rd Road Reconstruction & Culvert Replacement – LOTCIP application is in to DOT for Phase 1 - Laporte Dr to Norwich Ave (Rte 12).

B. Property Disposition

Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to recommend to the Full Council that they accept the staff recommendations listed for the properties in Round 22. 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

Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to adopt the new Memorial Street Signs Application. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes).

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. Currently looking at a block grant for further funding.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Norwichtown Green Liberty Pole Monument Application

Motion was made by Alderman Nystrom to recommend to the Full Council that the application for the Liberty Pole Monument on the Norwichtown Green be taken for council action. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Nystrom, Second: Kadambaya).

Motion was made by Alderman Nystrom to recommend to the Full Council that the application for the Liberty Tree with plaque on the Bean Hill Green be taken for council action. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Nystrom, Second: Kadambaya).

Motion was made by Alderman Nystrom to recommend to the Full Council that the application for the Liberty Tree with plaque located at Howard T. Brown Park be taken for council action. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Nystrom, Second: Kadambaya).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

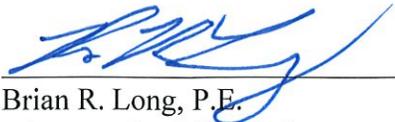
A. Memorandum from President Pro Tempore J. Delucia

A memorandum was received by Alderwoman Hayes from President Pro Tempore Delucia stating some concerns regarding traffic in the lower Norwichtown Area. Memorandum is attached to these minutes as record.

Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to accept the memorandum from President Pro Tem. Delucia and assign it to the Public Works Director for review and consideration. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Nystrom).

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Long", is written over a horizontal line.

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

MEMORANDUM

2/15/2026

From: Joseph A. DeLucia
President Pro Tempore
Norwich City Council

To: Public Works Committee
Norwich City Council

Re: Public Works initiatives

Good morning,

I have several items that I would like to have taken up by the committee and implemented. I urge you to take swift and immediate action, not debate, on these items and get them underway this spring season using whatever funding it left in this year's Road Bond or other capital improvement funds.

1. Traffic calming, speed control, pedestrian safety measures, and road reconfiguration in the lower Norwichtown area; including East Town St. and the Norwichtown Green area.

At a recent Public Safety Committee meeting, a group of residents spoke regarding the alarming increase in the volume, travel speed, and traffic violations that are occurring in this area. The situation is unacceptable and needs to be rectified. To that end, the Police Chief scheduled a public dialog with these residents shortly after the P-Safety meeting that I and Alderwoman Zuccardy attended along with the City Engineer.

The meeting evolved into a brainstorming session, and the Police Chief offered a phased plan of strategies. My solutions are more concrete and

- Collapse the intersection of Scotland Road, Canterbury Tpke, East Towne St, and Washington Street. The size of this intersection dates back to the trolley turn-around circle of the 19th Century. It lends itself to a driver's perception that it is an acceleration zone instead of a four-way stop.

- Significantly narrow East Towne St. from Washington St. to the stop sign at Elm Ave. Provide ADA compliant sidewalks on both sides of the street and crosswalks at both ends and at Huntington Lane.
 - Erect permanent speed-tables in the roadway, no further than 100 feet apart, and no further than 25 feet from all stop signs, on Elm Avenue, East Towne St. (from the first Cong. Church to Washington St. Ext.), Mediteranean Lane, Huntington Lane, and Washington St.
 - Increase the visibility of signs and markings everywhere in this neighborhood.
 - Reconfigure Lathrop Lane to One-Way in the direction up the hill toward Harland Rd. to reduce its use as a cut-through to avoid the RT. 2 connector intersection.
 - Reconfigure Washington St. to One-Way in the direction with the lowest traffic count.
2. Upgrade and improve the newly created intersection of Boswell Ave. and the secondary entrance to the new Greeneville School site.
- Increase the size of the stop signs in both directions on Boswell Ave.
 - Increase the "stop ahead" warnings in both directions on Boswell Ave.
 - Cut back and maintain the vegetation that is obscuring the intersection.
 - Remove the rock out-cropping at the edge of the northbound travel lane and provide an ADA compliant sidewalk from the end of the existing sidewalk to the school entrance.
 - Significantly increase the foot-candles of lighting for a distance of 100 feet in each direction of the intersection. In short, make night like day.
3. Move forward with the reconfiguration of the north intersection of Central Ave. and North Main St.

This initiative has lingered long enough and for at least four years. When this was last discussed during my chairmanship of the Public Works Committee, the project design was approved by the committee. Get going on completing this project.