

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

March 20, 2026

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 088-26
SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday March 16, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Shiela Hayes
Alderman Peter Nystrom - Absent
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 February 17, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – Sachem St stairs are completed with minor landscaping and cleanup being done.
- Sidewalks from Huntington School to Hotels on West Town Street (Community Connectivity) – Design has been finalized and bid documents are developing. Bid opening anticipated for Spring 2026.
- New London Turnpike Bridge – WMC and DOT are determining WMC's fee. Upon approval, WMC will start the design process.
- New London Turnpike North TAP Pedestrian Improvement Project – Benesch will be designing, with B&W as the paving contractor. Construction started April 6th and is scheduled for completion in August 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 permit for Norwich was obtained. Montville is pending 3/19 meeting. Bid documents are at 95% with the project expected to go out to bid this spring.
- Fontaine Field Improvements – Gale Associates design is at 50%. 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 awarded to G.L. Capasso. Pre-construction meeting is set for Monday 3/16. Anticipated construction start to be in Spring 2026.
- Main Street Garage – Bids are now open. Elevator bid closes on 3/17. Garage Rehabilitation bid closes on 3/18.
- Hunters Rd Road Reconstruction & Culvert Replacement – LOTCIP application is in to DOT for Phase 1 - Laporte Dr to Norwich Ave (Rte 12).
- Mish Dr Relocation (part of Occum Industrial Park) – Bohler is designing the realignment of the road.
- Fernwood Park Reconstruction – MRC was awarded the contract. Installation of the playground commences mid-April. Norwich PW will prep the playground and rehabilitate the basketball court.
- 2026 Paving Program – total of 4.1 miles from late April to early May depending on when asphalt plants reopen.
 - Wawecus St (Browning to Otrobando)
 - Browning Rd (Wawecus to Fish & Game)
 - Mulberry St
 - White St
 - South Golden St
 - Warren St
 - Delmar Ct
 - Mitchell Ct
 - Coolidge Ct
 - Mechanic St
 - Berkley Rd
 - Michelle Dr
 - Clairemont Ave Ext
 - Canterbury Tpke (Lawler Ln to Nemczuk Dr)
 - Monroe St
 - Asylum St (W Main St to Sherman Ave where not paved by NPU)
 - Rollins Rd
 - Matlack Rd
 - Harriet St
 - Alexander St
 - Smith Ave

B. Property Disposition

None.

C. Casella Contract

The new contract has been finalized and is ready to be signed.

D. Boswell Ave Sidewalks

Currently putting together proposals for grant funding. Sidewalks will be from 10th St to Pratt St.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Norwichtown Green Liberty Pole Monument Application**

Motion was made by Alderman Kadambaya to recommend to the Full Council that the application for the plaque at 55 Town St for the Old Norwichtown Burying Ground Colored Section be taken for council action. Motion unanimously passed (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes).

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Kadambaya, Second: Hayes)



Jeff Dewey, P.E.
City Engineer

Committee Members:

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