

Department of Public Works and Environmental Affairs Committee

March 7th, 2016

Present at Meeting:

**Jack Farr, DPW Director
George Belcher, Chairman
Regis Foster**

**Gina Fitzpatrick
Bob Ritchie
Stanley Siegel**

Public- Lorraine Marquez

The meeting was opened at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There was no public comment.

Director Jack Farr gave his report. He asked for comments about the tour of the water treatment plant. Stanley Siegel asked about the clarifier and what it does. Jack stated that a chemical binds the dirt together and it floats to the top of the water leaving clean water below. Bob Ritchie mentioned that we ought to provide more information to the public about the boil water alerts so everyone understands what they are about. Gina said that some people were claiming to be ill because they did not know about the boil water alert. Jack mentioned that the water problem was brought under control within 3 hours and the affected water probably never left the million and a half storage tanks. Jack discussed the Orange & Rockland gas line replacement project on Jersey Avenue from Church Street to Owen Street; East Main Street from Kellogg Avenue to Jersey Avenue; Kingston Avenue from Beach Road to Hamilton Street and Kingston Avenue from Hamilton Street to the Deerpark Border. Good possibility that this will be done under the sidewalks because it is quicker than tearing up the roadway. He also discussed the Safe Walking Sidewalks replacement. Stan Siegel asked about the bluestone sidewalks and what would happen to them if the property owner decided to keep them. Jack thinks that the bluestone is not ADA Compliant and that if someone did want to keep their bluestone it could jeopardize that section of sidewalk for that street. He discussed an injury incurred by one of the garbage truck workers

who had been stabbed by something while emptying a garbage can into the truck. The can had no handles and was probably the cause for the occurrence. Stanley suggested that we adopt a law requiring handles on garbage cans. I concurred. After the meeting I checked and our Municipal Code does require that garbage cans have covers and handles.

During public comment Lorraine Marquez talked about the leaves collecting on the vacant properties on her street Hornbeck Avenue.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

The next meeting of the DPW Committee will be at 6 PM on April 4th 2016.