## CITY OF NEWTON

## IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

#### PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Salvucci, Gentile, Yates, Mansfield and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Albright

Also present: Ald. Baker, Brandel, Freedman, Johnson, Parker and Sangiolo

City staff present: Mayor Cohen, Thomas Daley (Commissioner of Public Works), Arthur Cabral

(Special Project and Budget Specialist; Public Buildings Department) and Shawna Sullivan

(Committee Clerk)

#482-08 <u>NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY</u> petitioning for a grant of location to

install 15' + of conduit in ELLIOT STREET from Manhole 21032

southerly to a private drive and to install 50'+ of conduit in

WINCHESTER STREET from Needham Street in a northerly direction to

Manhole 3436 in Winchester Street.

**ACTION:** APPROVED 5-0-1 (Yates abstaining, Lennon not voting)

Moureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, presented the petition for a grant of location to install conduit in Elliot Street and Winchester Street. The new conduit will also traverse a portion of Needham Street, a private road and private property. NStar has acquired easements for the private portions of the project. The Needham Street portion of the project does not require City approval but will require State approval, as Needham Street is a State road. The project will increase the load capacity at the station located on Elliot Street. The increase in capacity at the station will improve service reliability for all of Newton. NStar has looked at potential growth in the area and determined that the proposed increased capacity will address the need for additional electrical power for new buildings. The Department of Public Works has recommended approval of the petition with standard conditions and the requirement of a police detail for the duration of the project. The recommendations also included a note that there is no roadway excavation between November 15 and April 15 unless it is an emergency.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the project. The entire project will take approximately six weeks to complete. Ald. Mansfield asked if all of the streets involved would remain open during the project. Ms. Carroll responded that all street will be open and the project would be done in pieces. Ald. Lappin asked how long the portions of the project at Winchester and Needham Streets would take to complete. Ms Carroll was unable to estimate the timeframe but will talk with the Engineering Department at NStar and get that information. Ald. Yates questioned how the proposed conduit relates to additional power being generated for the City. Ms. Carroll did not have the answer but agreed to ask the engineer assigned to the project. The attached e-mail received on Monday, January 12, 2009, provides the answer that a new power transformer is being added. Ald. Mansfield asked if the addition of the conduit would provide the capacity for undergrounding the wires on Needham Street. The e-mail that was received on January 12, 2009 states that the new conduits too be installed in the

private way (Easy Street) would provide the capacity to underground Needham Street in the future. Please refer to the attached e-mail for further details.

Ald. Lappin moved approval of the petition, which carried unanimously.

#481-08 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 54'+

of conduit in WASHINGTON STREET from Perkins Street northerly to an existing manhole in Washington Street and to install  $684'\pm$  of conduit with two new manholes in PERKINS STREET from Washington Street southeasterly to 45

Perkins Street.

**ACTION:** APPROVED 6-0 (Lennon not voting)

**NOTE:** Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, presented the petition for a grant of location to install 54' conduit in Washington Street and 684' of conduit and two new manholes in Perkins Street. The work is necessary to replace an old system that is not encased in protective conduit. NStar has had frequent reports of outages in the area and in order to repair the existing residential services, they must trench Perkins Street until they find the problem. The new service will allow repair without trenching the street. The project is estimated to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The Public Works Department recommended approval of the petition with the standard conditions including no roadway excavation between November 15 and April 15 unless it is an emergency. There is also a stipulation that all work in Washington Street must be completed by May 15, 2009. A police detail is required for the duration of the project; however, NStar does not expect to close either Washington Street or Perkins Street during the project.

The public hearing was opened and Alexander Aber, 1482 Washington Street asked where the new manholes were located. Ms. Carroll showed Mr. Aber where the two new manholes were located on Perkins Street. Mr. Aber was satisfied and had no further questions regarding the project. The public hearing was closed and Ald. Gentile moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#### REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#7-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, MANSFIELD,

JOHNSON, HARNEY & VANCE proposing a Resolution to His Honor the Mayor to ensure that the installation of synthetic in-filled turf athletic fields on city-owned property shall use sustainable, recyclable, lead-free, non-toxic

products to the maximum extent feasible. [12-30-08 @9:55 AM]

PROGRAMS \$ SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 on 01/07/09

**ACTION:** APPROVED 4-0-2 (Schnipper and Gentile abstaining, Lennon not voting)

**NOTE:** The Programs and Services Committee joined the Committee for discussion of this item. Ald. Hess-Mahan began the discussion by stating why he and his colleagues docketed the request for a resolution to the Mayor. He provided the attached language for the resolution and also provided substantial information, which was attached to the agenda. Although the Board of Aldermen approved funding for the installation of synthetic turf fields at both Newton

South High School and Newton North High School, there were no real discussions regarding whether there were more eco-friendly alternatives that were more affordable or feasible to do at either site. Ald. Hess-Mahan received both solicited and unsolicited phone calls and e-mails from various people suggesting different products and types of installation. He and the co-docketors wanted to bring some of the alternatives forward. He invited a few people who work with two different types of products that are eco-friendly to give brief presentations to the Committees.

Ald. Gentile is willing to keep an open mind regarding the alternatives. Nonetheless, he is not sure that this is the appropriate forum for vendors to present their products but he is willing to listen to the presentations. Ald. Gentile is bothered by the timing of this resolution. The Board has spent years on the turf at Newton South High School. He pointed out that the Committees discussed the materials that were part of the turf. He asked Ald. Hess-Mahan why he did not bring this up at one of the previous multiple meetings. Ald. Hess-Mahan respects Ald. Gentile opinion and understands his frustration but from his perspective, a false dichotomy was set-up between the one type of artificial turf or natural turf. He was not as familiar with the alternatives during the previous discussions. Ald. Yates thought that Ald. Hess-Mahan's point in inviting people to speak on their products is to show that the general concept of eco-friendly turf is valid and not to wed the City to any vendor.

David Ball a Newton resident and owner of Ball Consulting Group, a public relations consulting firm, which was retained by the International School of Boston to work with the supplier and architect to find a natural infill product for the school's field joined the Committee. Mr. Ball introduced Ray Dunetz, Landscape Architect, who oversaw the International School project. Mr. Dunetz explained that infill is used to stabilize the synthetic grass and provide a cushion. The infill material used at the International School is made out of coconut and cork and is natural. He stated that the crumb rubber used in some synthetic turf gets very hot and can burn people. The coconut and cork combination does not change temperature. Mr. Dunetz brought samples of the turf used at the International School. The product is called Geo-Safe Play by Limonta Sport.

Ald. Brandel stated that it appears that the Geo-Safe turf is an alternative material to the standard rubber infill. He suggested that the Aldermen look at the cost, durability and potential health ramifications of the two materials. Mr. Dunetz responded that it is really the health issues with the rubber. Ald. Brandel asked for the cost difference and durability difference of the two infill materials. Mr. Dunetz explained that the durability for both is the same. The Geo-Safe infill is approximately \$2.50 per square foot if applied to an existing field. It is \$12 to \$14 per square foot if you were to do a whole field with drainage and the Limonta turf. Ald. Gentile asked if it was more expensive than the traditional artificial turf. There is a 5% to 10% differential between the traditional and the Geo-Safe. Ald. Gentile asked what the drawbacks to using the Geo-Safe infill are. Mr. Dunetz replied that it is a little more expensive. The material is used all over Europe by the professional soccer organization. Ald. Parker inquired if there is a difference in density and resiliency between the alternative and the traditional infill. Mr. Dunetz has personally tested the alternative turf by falling on it and The International School has seen a 7% decrease in injuries since the installation. Ald. Freedman asked if the 5% to 10% increase is for the entire project. Mr. Dunetz responded that the increase is for the entire project. Ald.

Salvucci asked for the maintenance requirements of the Geo-Safe infill and Limonta turf. The maintenance requirements are the same as the traditional turf. Ald. Lappin asked if the City could just use the infill instead of the traditional crumb rubber. The City can just use the coconut and cork infill and Mr. Dunetz will provide a price for that option.

Don Deluise and Phil Christiansen of FieldShield<sup>TM</sup> spoke on their ecologically safe artificial turf products. It has only been about a year since the problems with traditional artificial turf has become common knowledge. FieldShield<sup>TM</sup> offers what they believe to be environmentally friendly, ecologically safe artificial turf alternatives. Their infill consists of ground walnut shells and anti-microbial. The anti-microbial protection is used to prohibit bacteria, mold, and fungi growth in the infill. Traditional artificial turf fields often have issues with mold and fungi when they become wet.

Mr. Deluise believes that the ecologically safe fields could be installed at Newton South High School for the same cost as a traditional turf project. The City could buy ecologically safe artificial turf products directly from the manufacturer and save money. Mr. Deluise stated that if the City were to use two different vendors for the infill and artificial grass it may compromise the warranties on those products. He also stated that the City should keep in mind that disposal costs for the traditional artificial turf fields could run quite high.

Mayor Cohen stated that he is seriously looking at the alternatives. Mr. Tyrell from Gale Associates was present at the meeting to listen to the discussion. Gale Associates will be meeting with vendors regarding the alternatives to determine the durability and playability of their products. The Mayor is slightly concerned about the bids because the already tight timetable of the Newton South project. There is a little more flexibility regarding the Newton North field. The Mayor will be looking at what happens if the City uses a portion of one system and a portion of another in terms of warranty and bonding.

Ald. Gentile pointed out that it appears that the Mayor is already looking into the feasibility of using an ecologically safe product. Ald. Brandel suggested forming a very small sub-committee to work with the Mayor regarding the alternatives, although he is aware that the timetable is tight. Ald. Johnson suggested continuing the sub-committee discussion later in the Programs and Services Committee. Ald. Yates moved approval of the item in Public Facilities, which carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed and two abstentions. Both Ald. Gentile and Ald. Schnipper wished to hear from Gale Associates before voting in favor or against the resolution. Programs and Services also recommended approval of the resolution.

#### REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#11-09

<u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$394,000) from bonded indebtedness for the design work for the rehabilitation of Fire Station #7. [12-24-08 @ 1:55 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 5-1 (Salvucci opposed, Lennon not voting)

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral of the Public Buildings Department joined the Committee for the request for funds to design Fire Station #7. The request for \$394,000 also includes funds for the

consultants, clerk and testing necessary for the renovation of the fire station. The Designer Selection Committee is in the process of selecting the architect for the design of the station.

Ald. Gentile asked if the same architects used for the design work for the rehabilitation of Station #4 were being considered for Station #7. Mr. Cabral responded that the Designer Selection Committee is not considering them. He believes that the Designer Selection Committee is looking to involve different designers in the fire station renovations. Ald. Gentile inquired if there had been a problem with the previous architect. Mr. Cabral did not believe that was the case but was not at the Designer Selection Committee meeting; therefore, he could not elaborate. Ald. Salvucci asked why the funding for a Clerk of the Works is included in the request for design money. Mr. Cabral responded that the money for the clerk does not need to be requested now but it would allow the City to hire the clerk a little earlier, giving the clerk time to review the plans before the rehabilitation began. The request for design money for Station #4 included the funding for the clerk (see attached report), as well. The Clerk is hired under contract, which is usually a one-year contract; however, the clerk is only paid for the actual time that is spent on the project. There was a question regarding what the funds for testing covered. Mr. Cabral explained that the testing is done by the architect to determine if there is any hazardous material or unexpected issues that need to be addressed before the actual rehabilitation is begun.

Ald. Yates moved approval of the item. Ald. Salvucci made a motion to amend the item by deleting the \$75,000 for the clerk. The motion failed by a vote of two in favor and four opposed. The Committee voted to recommend approval of the main item by a vote of five in favor and one opposed. Ald. Gentile requested information on how much the design of Station #4 cost for the Finance Committee meeting on January 12, 2009.

## REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#12-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$225,000) from bonded indebtedness to the Building Department for the purpose of replacing a boiler at City Hall. [12-

24-08 @ 1:54 PM]

**APPROVED 6-0 (Lennon not voting) ACTION:** 

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral reviewed the request for \$225,000 to design and replace one of the boilers in City Hall. The replacement will also include a new burner, which will be capable of burning both oil and gas. The boiler that is to be replaced is cracked in three sections. It is 27 years old and should be replaced rather than repaired. The Public Buildings Department provided a breakdown of the estimate for the boiler replacement, which was attached to the agenda. The current boiler will need to be removed in sections, as it is very large and located in the boiler room in the basement of City Hall. Ald. Salvucci inquired if there is any asbestos that will need to be removed. Mr. Cabral responded that the asbestos in the boiler room was previously abated in the early 1980s. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

## REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#13-09 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate and expend

three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) from bonded indebtedness to the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing both the salt shed

and the Quonset hut at Crafts Street. [12-30-08 @ 5:04 PM]

**ACTION:** APPROVED 4-0-2 (Gentile and Mansfield abstaining, Lennon not voting)

**NOTE:** Commissioner Daley presented the item to the Committee. It is a request for funds to replace two salt sheds and one Quonset hut located at the Crafts Street Yard. The salt sheds are in poor shape and Commissioner Daley provided the Committee with photos of the salt sheds to demonstrate the amount of deterioration. Both of the sheds allow water into the storage area causing salt to dissolve. In addition, the salt sheds only hold 2,000 tons of salt, which is an insufficient amount for extended snow and ice removal operations. The Commissioner would like to increase the storage capacity of salt to 5,000 tons, as it is at the Elliot Street Yard. Cities and towns scramble for salt at the same time and the Commissioner would like to have as much on hand as possible.

The Quonset hut is vintage WWII and is used for the storage of sanders, sweepers and other miscellaneous pieces of equipment. The hut has holes throughout the building and no longer provides protection to the equipment stored there. The Commissioner also provided the Committee with photos of the Quonset hut.

The Commissioner is proposing one large, pre-engineered structure to replace all three structures. The new building would have a 25-year fabric exterior. The Commissioner provided a photo of the proposed building. The proposed structure would be located in the footprint of the existing salt sheds. In addition, the new structure will provide a larger space for storage and improved accessibility to the equipment and salt.

Ald. Salvucci would like to see the design of the proposed building. The Commissioner responded that the department is not using an architect and the building would be very similar to the photo. The project will not require an outside contractor to install the structure. Ald. Lappin requested a breakdown of the project costs. The Commissioner provided the breakdown, which is attached to the report. The Commissioner pointed out that the Public Works Department could demolish the structures in-house, recycle the metal panels of the Quonset hut, and generate significant cost savings. Ald. Gentile asked if there were more pressing needs in the department that these funds should be used to address. The Commissioner responded that the request has been part of the Capital Improvement Project for a number of years. The Union President has expressed concern to the Commissioner about the safety of City employees working in the deteriorated buildings. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Protection would like to see all salt covered as there is the potential of run-off into water. The attached memo from Commissioner Daley provides further information regarding prioritizing this project. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried by a vote of four in favor and two abstentions.

#6-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to acquire and accept a

permanent easement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to maintain a sewer line and operate and maintain a pumping station on Commonwealth owned land at Hemlock Gorge on Elliot Street to finalize the acquisition that was begun

with Board Order #672-86(2).

**ACTION:** APPROVED 5-0 (Gentile and Lennon not voting)

NOTE: Public Works Commissioner Daley presented the item to the Committee. It is a request to authorize and accept an easement from the State to maintain a sewer line and operate a pumping station located at the Hemlock Gorge Reservation, which is owned by the State. The City installed a new drain and sewer in the late 1980s from the Upper Falls Playground to Wallace Street. All of the land takings were made and the Board Order included a description of the land owned by the State. However, the City cannot take the State's land. At the time of the project, it was understood that the State would grant the City a permanent easement in their land for the sewer line and pumping station. All of the plans and documents were provided; however, nothing was finalized. The State provided the City with a license to use the site for the sewer line and pumping station. The State has now finalized a grant of permanent easement to the City. The authorization and acceptance of the permanent easement will finalize the acquisition that was begun in the late 1980s. Committee members had reviewed the backup provided with the agenda and had no questions regarding the item. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#385-07 <u>ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE</u> updating the Public Facilities Committee on

the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11-21-07 @ 10:23 AM]

**ACTION:** HELD 4-0 (Gentile, Lennon and Salvucci not voting)

**NOTE:** The item was held without discussion, as the two previous weekly meeting on the Newton North High School were cancelled due to the recent holidays. Therefore, there was no new information to report to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

From: Pham, June

Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 9:16 AM

To: Carroll, MaureenCc: Colorio, Christopher

Subject: RE: W.O. #1518557 Eliot Street, Newton

Hi Maureen,

1. Would this conduit have the capacity to underground Needham Street in the future if the city wanted to?

The new conduits to be installed in Easy St will provide capacity to underground Needham Street in the future if the city wanted to.

On this project, the new conduits to be in Easy St connecting SubStation #292 to existing MH21661 (in Needham St, between CB#32 & CB#40) and to MH3436 Needham St at Dedham St.

(about 400FT in Needham St, Southwest from Dedham St)

Any additional area of Needham St to be undergrounded is subject to new conduits and/or new manholes along that path if need be.

Please be inform that when undergrounding, existing overhead transformers along Needham St will require extra new manholes or new padmount and new conduits,

and existing overhead primary wire might require additional new conduits & new manholes.

The city will pay for all costs of undergrounding Needham St if wanted to.

2. How is additional power being generated from this station?

By adding a new power transformer, 110D, 115kV-13.8kV Thanks, June, x 6362

From: Carroll, Maureen

Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 3:08 PM

To: Pham, June

Subject: W.O. #1518557 Eliot Street, Newton

Hi June,

I attended a public hearing Wednesday night in Newton and 2 of the adermen had questions.

- 1. Would this conduit have the capacity to underground Needham Street in the future if the city wanted to?
- 2. How is additional power being generated from this station?

Could you please let me know so I can forward the information to the city

Thank you

Maureen carroll

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## REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#196-07 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting an appropriation in the amount of

\$1,969,227 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the

rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [05-29-07 @ 5:54 PM]

ACTION: HELD 6-0

NOTE: Commissioner Parnell presented the item to the Committee. The Fire Chief was not present at the meeting due to a family emergency. It is a request for an appropriation of \$1,969,227 to renovate Station #4. The request includes funds for a project manager, design and testing. Station #4 was chosen as the first station to be renovated by the Fire Chief and the Commissioner agreed with him because it is the logical choice as the roof and windows are already being replaced at the station. The renovation will get the whole process of bringing the fire stations up to code moving forward. The renovation does not require Design Review approval but Commissioner Parnell will bring the design to them for review. He will provide the Public Facilities Committee with updates on the design as it progresses and provide the plan when it is completed. The Commissioner is estimating a year of construction for the station.

Ald. Salvucci asked if Stations #4, #2 and #1 are similar enough in design to use the same plan for renovation. The Commissioner explained that the stations were built around the same time but they are not the same plan and will need separate designs for each.

Ald. Lappin asked why the request is for the whole amount, as the usual process is to request the design funds and come back for the construction money once the designs are completed. The Commissioner thought that the intent of requesting the entire amount of money was to show a commitment by the Executive Office. Ald. Lappin was concerned that the Committee did not know the actual cost of the construction piece of the request. The Commissioner is aware that the request is an estimate and will need to be refined. He is concerned with the architectural fees and project management fees at this point. As the Commissioner is busy with the Newton North project, the modular classrooms and various other Public Building Department related projects, he would like to get a Project Manager on board for the renovation. Ald. Lappin asked if all Public Building Department projects are going to have a project manager from this point forward. The Commissioner responded that projects of considerable size would have project managers. The Commissioner stated that the Executive Department has asked department heads to look at the past five years and summarize the impact of losses and gains to the department due to budget cuts. The Commissioner will be looking at whether it makes sense to hire someone to handle project management for city projects. However, at this time the Commissioner needs a project manager for the renovations of the fire stations.

Ald. Gentile asked what the reception was to doing Station #4 versus another station. The Commissioner has not been apprised about the reception and suggested that Ald. Gentile speak with the Fire Chief. The Commissioner reiterated the reasoning behind choosing Station #4 as the first to rehabilitate. Ald. Gentile understood the logic behind the choice of Station #4. Ald. Gentile stated that the Chief has been encouraged to get union input on the renovations to

promote goodwill. The Commissioner cannot speak to whether the Chief has spoken with the union.

Ald. Mansfield suggested separating the design, project management and testing money from the construction money by creating a parens (2), which will assure that the design comes back to the Committee. The Commissioner had no problem with splitting the item. Ald. Weisbuch moved hold on the item and approval of the parens (2) for \$325,000. The Committee voted to hold the main item and approve the \$325,000 for design, project management and testing.

# REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#196-07(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of

\$1,969,227 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the

rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [05-29-07 @ 5:54 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0 @ \$325,000 FOR DESIGN, PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**AND TESTING** 

**NOTE:** See above note.

# City of Newton



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

David B. Cohen Mayor

TO:

Honorable Board of Alderman

THRU:

Honorable David B. Cohen, Mayor

Sanford Pooler, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM:

Thomas E. Daley, P.E., Commissioner

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RE:

Funding Request for Craft St. Salt Sheds and Quonset Hut

DATE:

January 8, 2009

# Dear Board Members:

During last evening's deliberations by the Public Facilities Committee, Alderman Lappin requested the following breakdown of our construction cost estimate for the above referenced project. It is as follows:

# **SALT SHED:**

1)	Demolition (in-house):	\$0
2)	Material Disposal:	\$10,000
3)	Site Preparation:	\$35,000
4)	Electrical Work (lights, etc.)	\$5,000
5)	Block Foundation (construct in-house):	\$30,000
6)	Structure (by contractor):  Sub-Total:	\$200,000 \$280,000

#### **OUONSET HUT:**

7)	Demolition (in-house):		\$0
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8) Foundation Prep.: \$5,000

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9) Electrical Work (lights, etc.) \$5,000

10) Garage Door: \$5,000

11) Structure (by contractor): \$\$80,000

Sub-Total: \$95,000

Project Total: \$280,000 + \$95,000 = \$375,000 + \$10,000 contingency = \$385,000

Also please note that Alderman Gentile asked about our Dept. capital proprities. To the best of my knowledge these requests have been in the CIP for severy years. Considering only General Fund DPW items (non-enterprise account) after a multi-million dollar Road and Sidewalk Reconstruction Program these structures would be our top priorities. The Union President has also expressed deep concern to me about the safety of "his" employees working within the building. He has mentioned requesting they be condemned. Considering the staff safety issue along with the commodity value of the salt being stored, the public safety need for adequate salt storage volumes and the value of the large construction vehicles and sweepers kept in the Quonset hut we believe these structures are very important to replace as soon as possible.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

cc: D. Turocy, Deputy Commissioner

S. Tocci, Director of Highway Operations

L. Taverna, City Engineer