

Committee Members

Chairperson Councilwoman Kelly Sweeney
Vice-Chair Councilman Anthony Gennaro
Members Todd Berch
John DeSena
John Giuliano
Richard Pelletier
Kelly Robinson



Staff to the Committee

Robert Russo, Acting Director of Public Works
Brian Gartner, Acting Deputy Director of Public Works

**PUBLIC WORKS CRITICAL REPAIRS / CITY YARD &
PARKS DEPARTMENT RENOVATION COMMITTEE
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 – 4:30 PM**

A Special Meeting of the Public Works Critical Repairs / City Yard & Parks Department Renovation Committee of the City of Middletown was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 4:30 PM. This meeting was held online with access via WebEx.

Committee Members Present: Councilwoman Kelly Sweeney, Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Todd Berch, John Giuliano, Richard Pelletier, Kelly Robinson

Staff Members Present: Acting Director Robert Russo, Acting Deputy Director Brian Gartner

Members of the Public Present: None

1. **Call to Order** – Acting Deputy Director Gartner calls the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - None
3. **Public Session** - None
4. **New Business**
 - A. **Election of Officers** – B. Gartner requests nominations from the floor. Councilwoman Sweeney is nominated as Chair by Councilman Gennaro, seconded by Todd Berch and passed unanimously. At this point B. Gartner turns the meeting over to Chairwoman Sweeney for a vote on Vice-Chair. Councilman Gennaro is nominated as Vice Chair. Todd Berch nominates himself Vice-Chair. Chairwoman Sweeney calls for a roll call vote. T. Gennaro is elected as Vice-Chair.
 - B. **Approval of the meeting calendar for 2026** – Discussion ensues about a day/time that will work will for the committee to hold future meetings, and what the frequency of those meetings should be. It is decided that the committee will meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm.
 - C. **Status updates on the Renovation Projects** - Staff provided brief updates on the following projects.
 - a) City Yard – Washington Street
 - b) Parks Department – Butternut Street
 - c) City Hall – 245 deKoven Drive
 - d) Green Street Arts Center - 51 Green Street
 - e) Oddfellows Playhouse – Washington Street
 - f) John Smith Boathouse – Harbor Drive
 - g) Call Center – 169 Cross Street
 - h) Precast Bathrooms - -Butternut, Smith & Harbor Parks
 - i) Russell Library – Broad Street
 - D. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Update on the 2025 Infrastructure Bond – No expenditures to date outside the associated bonding and legal fees.

5. **Old Business** - None
6. **Adjournment** - Having no further business in front of the committee this evening the committee moved to adjourn. Motion to ADJOURN is made by Todd Berch, seconded by Richard Pelletier and passed unanimously.