

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**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 – 5:30 PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Public Works Critical Repairs / City Yard & Parks Department Renovation Committee of the City of Middletown was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:30 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** – Councilwoman Sweeney calls the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to APPROVE the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 21, 2026 is made by Todd Berch and seconded by Councilman Gennaro, and approved unanimously.
3. **Public Session** - None
4. **New Business**
 - A. **Approval of the meeting calendar for 2026** – Follow up discussion from the last meeting on what the meeting schedule will be. It was decided that the committee will meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm on an as needed basis.
 - B. **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
 - C. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Update on the 2025 Infrastructure Bond – No expenditures to date outside the associated bonding and legal fees.
5. **Old Business** –
 - A. Scheduling a tour for the committee of the various renovation projects – Discussion ensues about a tour once the weather improves.
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.