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June 22, 2006

Common Council
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Re: Agenda Item #27 of June 6, 2006 Meeting of the Common Council

Dear Members of the Common Council,

At the June 6, 2006 meeting of the Common Council, you referred Item #27 to the Public Works Department for a report.

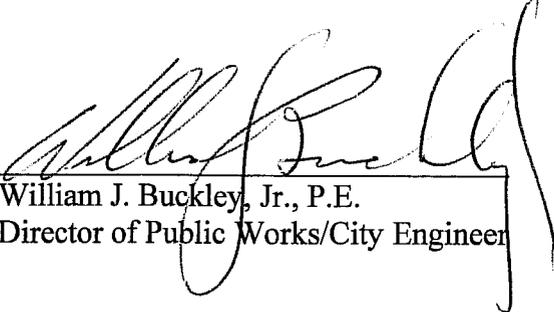
We have been aware of issues relating to sidewalks at 73 North Street for quite some time. When the State repaved North Street, they apparently did some damage to the sidewalk at the intersection of North Street and Madison Avenue. While it wasn't clear that the State or its contractor caused the sidewalk damage, because they were in relatively poor condition prior to the State's construction activities, we decided to make repairs to the intersection consistent with improvements that we had been making throughout the City. This was done in an attempt to accommodate the homeowner, Mr. John Showah, even though, as indicated above, we felt no obligation that the City was responsible for any damage or normal deterioration of the sidewalk in front of and next to Mr. Showah's property. While the City's contractor was performing the work on the sidewalks at the corner of North Street and Madison Avenue, adjacent to Mr. Showah's property at 73 North Street, it is clear to us that he did cause further damage to two slabs of concrete sidewalk on Madison Avenue.

I have attached several photos for your reference. The two concrete slabs have been highlighted with white paint and that white paint can be seen on the attached photos. There are not "...five squares of sidewalk..." that were damaged as a result of our Contractor's activities, as indicated by Mr. Showah. In fact, the rest of the sidewalk heading up Madison Avenue is in disrepair, as is the driveway that extends out into Madison Avenue and the pipe that is supposed to allow water to flow onto the driveway's extension. Again, I refer you to the attached photos. We will be issuing to Mr. Showah

an order to repair those sidewalks consistent with the code of ordinances of the City of Danbury, and we have directed our contractor to repair the two slabs and a portion of the curbing that we feel he is responsible for damaging.

I am hopeful that this report satisfies your concerns. Should you have any additional concerns after July 1, I suggest that you direct them to Mr. Duke Hart, Superintendent of Highways, or Mr. Frank Cavagna, who is working with the Highway Department in a part-time capacity.

Very truly yours,



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Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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