

Manager's Report

June 15, 2015

Streetlight Replacement Project

During 2012 considerable work was done converting virtually all the streetlights to LED fixtures. Efficiency Vermont (EV) paid a \$20,819 incentive to complete the conversion and it cost the Town nothing to complete the conversion. The decorative lamp posts on Main Street are being converted to LEDs as the current bulbs burn out. It is an expensive customized conversion costing \$520 each. I recently inquired with EV to see if they can offer an incentive for past and future conversions and no response has yet been received. However, I have a good working relationship with them and expect to receive one in a reasonable amount of time.

We have recently learned that there are a few very high unconverted Town owned streetlights at major intersections. We will conduct an inventory and investigate LED conversions to see if they would be economical and if EV will offer incentives.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Claremont Saving Bank was not interested in granting an easement to GMP for a power supply line across the middle of their parking lot. Consequently, the new power pole servicing the charging station will now be located in the Main Street right of way between the sidewalk and the charging station. No other stumbling blocks are anticipated.

VTrans Structures Grant Award

The Town has received two new structure grants from VTrans for projects on Valley Street. The bids for the box culvert are scheduled to be sent out the week of June 8th. The other project was a retaining wall that required an easement and a slight relocation of a private driveway. This project will not happen because the landowner changed his mind on granting an easement for this project. However, the same landowner has agreed to grant both permanent and temporary easements for the box culvert installation.

Community Center Construction Progress

The pouring of the new concrete wall sections is scheduled for Monday 6/15. Engineering approval of the temporary lifting and support procedure is nearly complete. Some minor surprises were unearthed but nothing significant.

Valley St. Progress

Actual construction started on 6/11. The new water main connection in Main St. is scheduled for 6/15, including a temporary water shut off after 11 PM to enable the connection. There will be single lane traffic on Main Street on 6/15 and likely 6/16.

RFP's Issued

A RFP for a townwide reappraisal is due on 6/26. And a RFP for a study of the Library lighting is due on 7/31.

United Methodist Army Status

The Town Hall staff assisted with getting work sites for this group to work on during July. The group is now smaller than originally expected and they have all the sites needed to keep the volunteers busy during their work week in July.

Safety Committee Inspections

The Safety Committee and a PACIF representative have conducted safety inspections of many Town owned buildings and will continue until all have been inspected. The inspections purpose is to prevent employee/public injuries and identify other physical hazards. The following have been inspected and most deficiencies are corrected or are in the corrective process; Community Center, Town Hall, Library, Police Dept. and Fire Dept.