

# Manager's Report

## July 20, 2015

### **Streetlight Replacement Project**

Efficiency Vermont (EV) has informed us that they cannot offer incentives for the Main Street lamp post conversions to LEDs. It is an expensive customized conversion costing \$520 each. We will continue to do the conversion as the original bulbs burn out.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

The installation has begun and will likely be finished before the meeting on 7/20. There will be documents to sign at the 8/17 meeting related to the deal with Claremont Saving Bank.

### **VTrans Structures Grant Award—Valley St.**

Only one bid for the box culvert installation was received and it was significantly over budget. We plan to rebid the project this winter. Mid-summer is not a good time to bid small projects.

### **Community Center Construction Completion**

The contractor did an excellent job and is planning to be off the site by July 17<sup>th</sup>. The building no longer vibrates when large trucks pass by on Main Street. Next phase--- exterior face lift. We have the desire, all we need is the funding.

### **Valley St. Progress**

The new water main has been installed to nearly Pleasant Street, but it is not yet functional. Instead, work began on the new sewer main with the goal to be finished with major construction on the lower part of the street ASAP. It was recently determined that the new sewer main in the upper section will have to go under the sidewalk. Of course the sidewalk will be replaced and this will create a 500 foot gap of old sidewalk. We have requested a price to fill that gap with new sidewalk so that a replacement of that section can be considered. Zalunzy Construction is also working on water service line installations and sidewalks on both Myrtle and Pine Streets.

### **Town Paving Progress**

Paving began last Thursday. Areas that do not need grinding are going to be paved. Specifically, Old Connecticut River Road, Putnam Road (existing pavement only), Loveland Street and Common Street.

### **129 Tarbell Road**

Please see the letter from the property owner in the correspondence section. Essentially, he is claiming that he was aware of the demolition order. Consequently, an updated engineer's inspection report has been requested. The engineer had the opportunity to make a thorough interior inspection of the building during June when we met with the owner in an effort for the owner to get a better understanding of the work required to obtain the engineer's approval. The Board will discuss this matter again at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. This needed to be done because the original demolition order was suspended until July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Armory Update**

\$55,000 of estimated environmental issues have been identified at the armory. State Representative Forguites and myself met with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of VT Dept. of Buildings and General Services. We requested that the State take care of these issues and then the Town would seriously entertain taking possession of the building. They agreed to look internally for funds to deal with the environmental issues.

### **Meadow Drive stormdrain and erosion project**

A pre-bid meeting occurred this past Tuesday and 8 excavation companies attended the meeting. Bids are due 7/27. We are optimistic that we will get a good bid and build the project this year.

**Elm Street Sidewalk Scoping Project**

29 residents were invited to a meeting on this past Thursday to view some conceptual plans and provide input. Only 2 people from the public attended the meeting. The next meeting will be during September and the project will be completed shortly after that.

**Weathersfield Reservoir Grant Application**

SWRPC is going to apply for a grant to secure funds for the breaching of the reservoir. The application deadline is September 2015.

**STAG**

This group plans to submit a grant application for the design of a Bicycle Pedestrian Path between Riverside School and the Town transfer station. The application is due this October.

**Toonerville Trail Extension Plan**

A contract amendment has been signed with the engineering firm that did some preliminary engineering on the trail extension north to Bridge Street behind J&L . This design will be 85% completed because that is the limit of existing design funds. When the remaining 15% design funding is secured, the design will be completed and the investigation into construction can begin. This project is funded by an old and discontinued funding mechanism which still has construction funds committed to this trail.