

Town Manager's Report

July 25, 2016

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Town now has a new contract with an electronics recycling firm and we are receiving 8 cents a pound. We were previously receiving 5 cents a pound.

87 CHESTER ROAD DEMOLITION

The demolition of this town owned building is complete.

TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY HEAT SYSTEMS / INSULATION

Engineering proposals for both heating systems were solicited and two different firms were chosen. Work has begun on both systems and bids will soon be requested. Funding for the library has been approved and the goal is to have a new system before the heat season begins. A bid is being prepared for insulation installation at the library. That is also funded. Financial assistance from Efficiency Vermont will be requested when cost estimates have been developed for all three projects.

COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

RFPs were issued for this project. An architect has been hired. Coincidentally, it is the same firm working on the Woolson Block and its name is Black River Design. They offered the best price and have the most experience in this type of project than the two other firms.

WORK STRONG PROGRAM

PACIF, the Town's Workman Compensation company has awarded the Town full credit for participating in its Work Strong Program. The approximate annual savings is \$30,000. The program involved over half of the employees participating in a wellness exam and nearly all non-office employees are participating in a routine stretching program to help reduce on the job injuries.

DOWNTOWN CONSULTANT (GPI) AT WORK

GPI has begun work on the ground in town and will soon be conducting the first Steering Committee Meeting on July 28th. Plenty more to come on this topic.

VALLEY STREET CLOSURE / CONCRETE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

The replacement of the large concrete culvert on Valley Street half way between the Common Street and Litchfield Street intersections with Valley Street has caused the closure of through traffic on Valley Street until August 31st. No buildings will be inaccessible during the construction with the exception of a one car garage currently located beside the existing culvert.

The main detour will be Elm Hill Street between River Street and Brook Road. Detour and Road Closure signs will be distributed at all the appropriate locations to guide through traffic vehicles around the construction zone.

The existing concrete culvert is in very poor condition and its failure is imminent. The Town was very fortunate to receive a \$175,000 grant from VTrans to help fund the project.