

Town Manager's Report

July 10, 2017

5-7 (VNA) Main Street Update

One bid of \$99,000 was received for the demolition, disposal of the building and filling the void under the northernmost building. The current cost estimate for asbestos removal is \$26,000. Both of these costs can likely be slightly reduced.

Up to \$50,000 from the Moeser Fund has been allocated to the project. The monies will be provided on a dollar-to-dollar match up to \$50,000. The Town can possibly provide \$25,000 and the Moeser Fund will match that for a total of \$50,000. That creates a shortfall of \$77,000. It has been suggested that a Town-wide fundraiser be initiated to generate the remaining funds.

WorkcampNE is in Town working

WorkcampNE was at Springfield HS last week and this week. This non-profit group had about 50 campers working on 5 homes last week and will have about 120 campers working on 15 next homes this week. This was a collaborative effort with the school, the Town and SEVCA participating.

A special Thanks goes to WorkcampNE for coming here and helping our residents and improving our neighborhoods, to the school for hosting them free of charge and to SEVCA for doing the pre-screening and qualifying the homes.

Main Street Master Plan

The plan is now complete and the completed report is on the Town website.

42-44 Union Street

Fannie Mae's legal representation has begun the process to cure the title flaw and a summary judgement from a local judge is forthcoming that should resolve the issue. When that occurs there will be an attempt to complete the property transfer.

County Road Culvert Update

The goal is still to have the culvert repaired and County Road open by the end of the 2017 construction season. The corroded and failed metal culvert bottom will be replaced with a reinforced concrete base, and the road above the culvert will be repaired. It's estimated that this sustainable repair will last for decades.

The project is being designed by the Dufresne Group. July 15th is the date by which we expect to have the project out for bids.

The Town is still committed to creating a more suitable entrance into the Industrial Park for truck traffic and is pursuing alternative routes for a long-term solution. Meetings are being set-up with VTrans, other state agencies, and the Economic Development Administration to pursue alternative routes, funding and conceptual approvals.

South Street Sidewalk Project Update

This project got delayed in the VTrans Right of Way Section and has yet to be approved there. It will not be built this construction season. As a result of the delay additional funds are being pursued through a new grant application.

Town Website Improvements

There have been recent improvements to this site. Please go online and see what has been done. There are also more improvements in the works.