

Town Manager's Report

December 10, 2018

Main Street Curb Extension

The curb extension project will not be completed this year. On November 15th there was an on-site meeting with the contractor. The contractor was ready to start, but it was decided with the early arrival of winter conditions it was unsafe for both vehicles and construction workers to begin construction on a street with approximately 10,000 vehicles daily that would likely be covered with snow and ice. Now we all know, the weather winter has continued since then.

The contractor promised it will be the first project they do next spring.

Brownfields Environment Assessment Grant

The Town was recently granted \$250,000 from the EPA to do Brownfields Environmental Site Assessments. Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission will be the Project Manager for the grant activities. The Park Street School will be the first project to use a portion of the grant. The grant will pay for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment.

Library and Woolson Block Alley Improvements

Plans to make improvements to the alley between these two buildings are being discussed with Town staff and the Woolson Block developers. The work will be done during the Woolson Block renovation. Per the Main Street Master Plan, the alley is to eventually be part of a Riverwalk that extends south behind the buildings and on top of the river bank. The proposed work will create a public space and a river viewing vista that will transition into the Riverwalk at a later date without any further work. The Woolson Block developers have hired GPI to do their landscaping so the designs are perfectly integrated. The alley is jointly owned and there will be a Town cost share.

2019-2020 Proposed Budget

The Town Administration presented the 2019-2020 proposed budget to the Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee at the November 26th Selectboard meeting.

The amount of new taxes needed is .5% or \$51,269 more than last year's approved budget.