

# Manager's Report November 9, 2015

## UNSAFE BUILDING ORDER UPDATE

- 1. 188 Wall Street:** Trial date is November 30, 2015
- 2. 21 – 23 Valley Street:** Repairs and demolishes must be completed by November 30, 2015
- 3. 42 – 44 Union Street:** In foreclosure process; waiting for Fannie Mae to take position and then the town will discuss demolition of garage and general clean up with them. They historically have reimbursed towns for this type of work. If possession does not occur by November 30<sup>th</sup>, we should do the demolition, cost is \$8,850 (not including asbestos removal, if any).
- 4. 105 Clinton Street:** New owner has appealed the order in Superior Court. There is not a set trial date yet. New owner will be invited to a Selectboard meeting during November or December to explain his plan for the property.
- 5. 129 Tarbell Road:** Demolition must be completed by November 27, 2015. Town will do the demolition if this date is not kept.
- 6. 69 Park Street:** Construction and demolition should have been completed by September 18, 2015. However, work is still in progress. State permits have not been obtained for rehabilitation of the main house. Front demolition is complete. Interior has been gutted. Project Manager promised house to be weather tight by November 30, 2015 and totally complete by January 31, 2016. The Project Manager will be invited to a Selectboard meeting during November or December to explain his plan for the property.
- 7. Furnace Street:** Construction and demolition should have been completed by September 18, 2015. However, work is still in progress. The owner has not responded to a letter requesting an updated schedule. New schedule was requested by October 30, 2015. The owner will be invited to a Selectboard meeting during November or December to explain his plan for the property.

### Valley Street Progress

Sidewalk and curb is complete. Next year's plan is to replace the second box culvert with existing grant funds and repave the whole street. If a Vtrans class 2 road paving grant is awarded, pavement will occur from Main St. to the Town Line.

### Meadow Drive Project Update.

The storm drain construction was completed on October 30th.

### Excess Town Owned Real Estate Update

48-50 Valley Street, which is a large duplex and .17 acres has been advertised for bids and bids are due on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

87-89 Chester Road is 2.8 acres with an abandoned house. Supposedly, the land is contaminated with motor oil and antifreeze. An estimate to do an environmental assessment

has been requested. The idea is to remove any environmental problems, if any, demolish the house and sell the land.

**Wastewater Facility receives excellent inspection report.**

On October 26<sup>th</sup> an inspection report from VT Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division was received. The report gave the facility an excellent ratings. This is to recognize the efforts of the facility's operators. Please see related pages of the report.

**Main Street Decorative Lamp post painting**

A group of volunteers have been applying a primer coat of paint on the Main St lamp posts this summer. The volunteers got some paint donated and the town paid \$277.45 for the remainder of the paint. This is to recognize the volunteers for their efforts. They plan to finish the primer coat next year and then begin the final coat.



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October 26, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Strong  
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**Subject:** NPDES #VT0100374, Vermont Permit #3-1154  
Springfield Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Compliance Evaluation Inspection

Dear Mr. Strong:

I conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) at the Springfield Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) on Wednesday September 23, 2015. The facility is located at 313 Clinton Street in Springfield, Vermont. CEIs are intended to verify compliance with discharge permits, self monitoring requirements, and compliance schedules. They are a relatively in-depth inspection of the WWTF, self-monitoring records and reports, and other required records. Chief Operator Rick Chambers accompanied me during the inspection.

The inspection did not include effluent sampling; however, based on a visual inspection the effluent appeared to be of excellent quality. The overall inspection rating for the Springfield WWTF for the period August 2014 through July 2015 is Excellent which is the highest rating in our five tier rating system.

**Self-Monitoring Data and WWTF Records and Documents Review**

A review of the self-monitoring reports (WR-43 forms) for the previous twelve month period revealed no effluent water quality violations and there were no none-reporting violations.

Copies of the WWTF's Direct Discharge Permit (effective September 2001), the Operation, Management and Emergency Response Plan (dated March 2008), the Electric Power Failure Plan (dated 2010) and a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Study (dated 2012) were all readily accessible. The Power Failure Plan was not formally approved and is required to be updated as per the September 2015 Draft Permit.

A cursory review of the WWTF's records for the past three years was conducted, including the self-monitoring reports (i.e. WR-43s), daily bench sheets, contract laboratory reports, flow charts, and effluent flow meter checks. The records appeared to be complete and well organized. I compared the data provided on a self-monitoring report against the daily bench sheets and laboratory bench sheets for several months of the review year. The self-monitoring reports matched the bench sheets for all days/months checked.

Mr. Jeffrey Strong  
Springfield WWTF  
October 26, 2015  
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### Summary and Recommendations

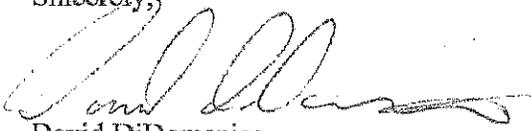
The overall inspection rating for the Springfield WWTF is Excellent. Excellent is the highest rating in our five-tier rating system. It is evident that Rick and the staff are very diligent about maintaining the facility and ensuring the effluent meets the permit limits.

The following items must be addressed:

1. Install thermometers in the influent and effluent sampling refrigerators.
2. Move the influent sampling collection point to the area where the grit removal effluent enters the wastewater stream.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please feel free to contact me at (802) 490-6184 or [david.didomenico@state.vt.us](mailto:david.didomenico@state.vt.us).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: EPA Water Compliance Inspection Report

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Springfield Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance File