

Manager's Report

May 11, 2015

Main Street Paving

This project is currently advertised for bids with a due date of 5/15/15. Based on that timeline Vtrans expects work could begin as early as mid-June or early July. They have not specified where the work will begin but have structured the contract language with a July 22, 2016 final completion date which means some towns will need to be completed this year. Vtrans will not know the towns the contractor will choose to complete in 2015 until the middle of June when they supply Vtrans with a schedule at or before the required Pre-Construction conference which the towns will be invited to. With that said there is no guarantee Springfield will be completed in 2015 but will note that there is a fair chance a motivated contractor will mobilize multiple crews and complete the whole contract this construction season.

Stay tuned for more info later.

Park and Ride lot

The Park-and-Ride was closed to users beginning May 4, 2015 and it is expected to re-open July 31, 2015.

SRDC is providing two temporary lots one for the Current riders and another for the general public. Kudos to SRDC for providing the lots at no cost and donating all the administrative time to negotiate the details with Vtrans. Signs have not yet been installed for the general public lot beside Irving Oil on Clinton St.

Community Center Construction

A pre-construction meeting occurred on 5/5/2015. We were informed that construction will begin June 1, 2015. The contractor has 30 days to complete the project. The sidewalk will be closed on the north side of the Community Center to the south side of the Main Street Bridge. The traffic pattern will change temporarily with the elimination of the parking spaces from the Post Office to the bridge and the centerline will jog over toward the Post Office as the north bound lane occupies the parking spaces.

Proposed PILOT legislation

The legislative alert from VLCT was informing us that a bill that would increase PILOT from 71% to 77% of assessed value was being reduced by a proposed amendment. If the amendment passes Springfield would not see a reduction in our PLIOT payment. If the amendment falls Springfield could see an increase of approximately \$40,000. Springfield receives \$386,000 annually in PILOT payments. That is approximately 6.6% of the Statewide PILOT payment.

Town Owned Property received by Tax Sale

The Town may alter property obtained via a tax sale as long as the alteration does not reduce the value below the amount of taxes, interest and penalty due to the Town. This was provided due to a request at the last meeting and it relates to 87-89 Chester Road.

Entering Potential Unsafe Buildings without owner permission

Per a request at the previous meeting----The formation of an inspection committee for the purpose of inspecting a potentially unsafe building per the Town Code; does not authorize the committee to enter the building without owner permission.

Ex Officio Planning Commission Member

Per a request at the previous meeting---- VLCT has informed us that Springfield in an urban town and Ex Officio Planning Commission Members do not have to be Selectboard members.

129 Tarbell Road April Progress Report

This is from an email received from the new owner;
Hi Tom, here are pics of my progress on my house.

1. I replaced all of the joists that were were rotted on the left side of the back of the house with 2x8 pressured treated boards.
 2. I replaced the sill also with 4 pressure treated 2x6's to reinforce the sill.
- Please see the attached photos