

PROJECT UPDATES AND AGENDA NOTES

Police Dept Building Re-Use Project

Demolition -

A brief project schedule: Advertise - January 23

Bid Opening – February 28

Infrastructure Committee – March 12

Selectboard approval – March 24

Anticipated construction start – May 4

Substantial Completion - June 22

Bid building improvements right after Town Meeting.

Route 116 Water main

Plans for the replacement of the water along Route 116 in the area of the Dow Pond culvert project are nearing completion. The project is scheduled for bidding this winter.

Rail Platform and Parking Project

A public meeting to present this project to the public is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Creek Road Task Force

The summary report is being prepared and will be available late Tuesday, the 7th.

Colonial Drive Engineering Amendment

An amendment for the engineering services by Green Mountain Engineering for the Colonial Drive is attached. This amendment is for Final Design, construction cost estimate & timeframe, development of contract documents, preparation of permits, and bid services. Since there are several other utility projects in the planning & design process, I recommend a hold on the actual bid date. We need to see how the Court Street project, Maple Street project, and Building Re-use projects are bid. However, getting the final design, cost estimate, and permitting done is important so we can program this project.

Flood Resiliency Project

See attached draft update.

Water Improvement Financing

Attached is a spreadsheet summarizing the funds needed for the Court Street and Washington Street water main projects (Colonial Drive is rough estimate). The "Available Funds" are only available if the revenues are increased by \$109,800 each year. The "Needed" funds are those being considered from the Local Options Tax fund.

Raising \$109,800 can be done by raising the base rate, or the usage rate, or a combination of both.

Putting the demand on the base rate spreads the cost across 2,150 users. However, this impacts the lower income users more as a percentage of available income. To generate \$109,800 on the base rate would increase the rate by \$12.77 per quarter or \$4.26 per month. The base rate would go to \$62.77 per quarter. A typical residential user (9,300 gallons) would go from \$81.90 to \$94.67. A 50,000 gallon user would go from \$234.27 to \$247.04, also an increase of \$12.77 per quarter.

Putting the demand on the usage rate would increase the charge from \$3.43 to \$3.79/1000 gallons. A typical residential user (9,300 gallons) would go from \$81.90 per quarter to \$85.25 per quarter, an increase of

\$3.35 per quarter. A 50,000 gallon user would go from \$221.50 to \$239.50 see an increase of \$18.00 per quarter.

The reality is that both rates would change to balance the demand equitably.

Traffic Signal Repairs – Court St-Charles-Monroe

Loop detectors at the Maverick gas station and at Charles Avenue have failed. Bill Kernan will have details to discuss at the meeting.

Equipment Purchase Funding

Information will be coming early next week.