

Manager's Report – September 12, 2016

This will be a short Manager's report this meeting as I was on vacation and because of the holiday.

Mill Street Bridge

As was noted earlier, the tragic death of Frank Ferraiolo on the Mill Street bridge project has impacted the completion date. The roadway has been paved and reopened to thru traffic, however the guardrails and finish work has not yet been completed. Given the unfortunate circumstances, we are extending the time frame for completion, to give the company time to complete the job. This could mean another week or more before it is completed, but the road is passable and safe as it now stands. There is ample signage, barricades and barrels to warn traffic of the construction conditions ahead. Another contractor is working with the company and us to help get it finished in a timely manner.

School Street

School Street will be paved on Monday the 12th and will require the rest of the week for minor cleanup work and ditch shaping, but should be done fairly easily.

Summer Street

Summer Street is way behind schedule and, as of now, there is no clear completion date. Mike and Bill Lane are working with George C. Hall to get the project expedited and finished up as quickly as possible, but it has been very slow going. We are looking at a minor change to the project, which is additional work and cost, but will improve the drainage down the north side of the street and eliminate future problems.

High Sidewalk

The telephone poles have been delivered and are expected to be installed in the next week and wires and lines all moved over. This needs to be done before we can start the construction of the new sidewalk. That work should begin the 3rd week of September and be finished 5 weeks later around the first of November.

Vestibule

The vestibule that was paid for with a grant from the Cascade Foundation is nearing completion. The hold up on finishing it is the windows are custom order and won't be ready for another two weeks or more. That said, once the rest of the vestibule is completed, we will be able to move the TC/TX office back into their space and use the front door as our entrance. We hope to have that done late next week (week of September 12th) or early the following week.

While this has been an inconvenience on everyone, it has gone as good as can be expected. The contractor, Phi Homes has done an excellent job and Atlantic Painting and Floor Magic have been great to work with.

Opera House HVAC

The HVAC work and new controls seem to have done the trick as the biggest complaint with the AC this summer has been that it was a little too cold. We will have to start funding a reserve to replace the AC unit in the next few years, as it has exceeded its life expectancy. We were able to make repairs to the unit that are working at the moment, but it will get to the point where the repairs come more frequently and are more funds than we want to invest.

West Rockport Sidewalk Extension

That is expected to be completed next week. They started putting in the curb but the asphalt mix was not correct so they stopped. Once that is done, they will move across the street and put a pad in at the other end of where the cross walk will be. The new signalization is due to be put in by the end of the month.

Finance

Megan and I will be meeting with Department Heads next week to start working on their CIP requests. We will then put that together and will want to get the CIP committee together to review those requests and start to help prioritize them.

Assessing

Kerry has been in Camden since finishing our commitment getting theirs done and it is hoped that he will be back on a more normal schedule again.

Planning and Community Development

Jamie has been working on the RFP for solar on the Town Office roof as well as the Goodies Beach Study recently completed by Gartley and Dorsky.

Fire Department

The Fire department has been very active with several calls, additionally the chief has had all of our extinguishers recertified. Public works, library and police have been trained on the use of the new AED units that we received through a grant. Jason is working on scheduling a training for town office staff and anyone remaining that we have not gotten to. Additionally, we have been meeting monthly as a safety committee to deal with issues related to safety and training and we have been checking many things off our list. To that end we received a check in the amount of

\$6,408 from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of our good loss experience and loss prevention programs!

Police Department

The sharing of the police chief between the Towns of Rockport and Camden has proven to be very successful with positive benefits. I have had a lot of comments from residents about how well it is working.

Library

The Library is beginning its seafaring series this month.

Harbor

The Harbor is slowing down a bit finally and the parking enforcement has helped with parking and access to the park.

General Assistance

After a quiet summer, which was a respite from our very busy winter and spring, general assistance has started to pick up again. We will once again be hosting Penquis here at the office for heating assistance appointments. If citizens need help with heating this winter, they should call Penquis and schedule an appointment.