

Manager's Report – December 5, 2016

Summer Street

Summer Street is almost complete, however there is a problem with the drainage that will need to be fixed next spring. We are holding back final payment until the project is completed to specification. We are working with Bill Lane of Gartley and Dorsky. They have checked the road cross sections and the paving does not meet the final specifications. Mike and Will are working with the contractor, George Hall to come up with a solution. Today, the road developed a new problem where water seems to be bubbling up in the middle of the road, on the worst place on the road coming down the hill. Will and Mike have looked at it extensively and we may need to dig that section of the road to see what is happening under the surface.

School Street

Mike and I checked the drainage on the School Street project after the heavy rain on Thursday and found that other than leaves blocking the catch basin at the bottom of the hill, it was working perfectly. All water was making its way to the ditch lines or catch basins and flowing correctly.

West Street Sidewalk Extension/New Traffic Signals at Routes 1 and 90

The sidewalk and crossing signals are on hold until next spring when the State gets back on the project.

Low sewer covers on Pascal and Central Streets

The sewer cover that were problematic on Pascal and Central have all been raised and should be fine now.

Street lights

With the retirement of Mark Kelley, the street light question has still not entirely been answered. Randy has given that project to Craig to work on and he has been in contact with CMP and is scheduling a ride along with the Representative from CMP to try and track down the few remaining lights in question. Before Mark retired we were able to narrow down the rather high number of streetlights that appeared to be in other towns to be a difference is street names that CMP assigns them. However, there are still a dozen or so that need to be followed up on.

CMP has been notified about the lights out on Pascal Avenue and on Central Street and we expect them to be repaired very soon.

Finally, the street lights on the Goose River Bridge that have been out for so long cannot be replaced with the same light. The replacements which are approximately 10K apiece are being added to the CIP plan. In the interim, we are having a light put up on the new pole at the south end of the bridge as that intersection is very dark.

Sewer

Nate McLaughlin and I met with both representatives of both Camden and Rockland recently to talk about the future needs that they see. In both cases I think we are working towards a much more cooperative relationship than we may have seen in the past. Nate is beginning to look at how we will plan for the changes needed in Camden and we have started looking at changes and improvements to the Rockland agreement.

Public Works

The public works crew has been working on equipment and gearing up for winter. The Beauchamp Point Road was closed for the winter on Friday, as was Cramer Park and the Marge Jones ballfields.

Fire Department

The fire department has been relatively quiet over the past couple of weeks. The Chief attended a training in Florida and has been actively involved in officer training. Most recently ladder training to safely get fire fighters onto the roof of buildings.

Holiday on the Harbor

Holiday on the Harbor is set for Saturday, December 10th. This year we will have about 2000 luminaries to put out and light in time for dark.

Police

Things are fairly quiet. The department has been doing some data collection of traffic patterns and speeds on a few of the roads that were recently paved and have set up directed patrols on those streets to perform enforcement action (give tickets) to speeders. The new Police Officer Chris Taylor will likely be pulled for the academy earlier than expected.

Vacation

I will be on vacation beginning on Sunday, December 11th just after the Holiday on the Harbor event until just after the holidays. I will do my best to NOT check e-mail all day long, but will check it twice a day. The best way to reach me in an emergency would be by text or cell phone.