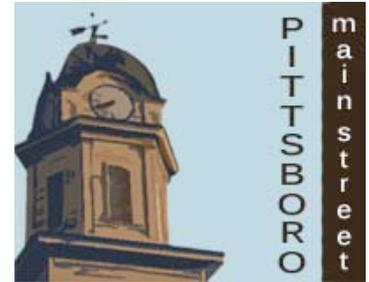


Memo

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
From: Paul Horne Main Street Program Manager
Date: February 25, 2013
Re: Main Street Update February 2013



Street Furniture

6 benches and 1 trash can have been ordered and should arrive before the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 25th. Should they arrive in time, I will endeavor to have one assembled and placed in Town Hall for the viewing pleasure of the Board and the public.

Water line construction is expected to last 2 or 3 more weeks after which time the benches can be installed. They would be in the way if they were to be installed now. The Public Works Department will install the benches.

Façade Grant Program

Two new applications have arrived since the last update, both pertaining to the former Blair Hotel. These applications are still being evaluated.

Contracts have been let for demolition of the cedar shingle facades on the buildings housing Second Bloom & Turnberry Interior Design (to the North of Virlies). A contract has also been let for new awnings at S&T's Soda Shoppe.

Courthouse Grand-Reopening

Ceremonies surrounding the Grand Re-opening of the Courthouse will occur on April 20, 2013. This was discussed at the last Main Street Meeting on February 5, 2013 where there was general excitement about the prospect of a street celebration in the afternoon and early evening. Town Staff has asked the Pittsboro Business Association (PBA) to gauge public sentiment among their membership, regarding the issue of closing off of the block between Salisbury Street and the circle (the circle remaining open to traffic). Attached is the letter requesting assistance presented to the PBA. We have since asked them explicitly to incorporate feedback from non-PBA businesses downtown to the extent that they can. Their polling is still being conducted and we will not receive a recommendation from the PBA until Friday the 22nd of February.

