

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Capital Projects and Other News
January 28, 2013

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project

UPDATE: *(Please see weekly progress report from Becky Smith, Hydrostructures)

Construction crews continued to work in the traffic circle, which caused some congestion during the early morning hours. Cold temperatures delayed construction during the week of January 21. The contractor hopes to begin connecting individual services to the mains downtown sometime during the week of January 28.

PROJECT: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Robeson Creek Discharge

UPDATE: Mayor Voller and I had what seems like a good meeting with NCDENR Water Quality Division staff. Essentially, NCDENR agreed to reopen the issue, particularly with regard to phosphorus limits in the creek. They agreed that the last study of the creek occurred during a drought season that could have obscured the true capacity of the stream. We will be receiving a response letter from NCDENR regarding our next steps in the process.

PROJECT: Improvements on 15/501 at Springdale Drive

UPDATE: Samhir Bahho, Project Engineer, is preparing bid documents to reconstruct the intersection. Bids will be sent to local bidders in an effort to minimize costs. Staff is researching speed table options for Springdale Drive.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension (Chatham Business Park Drive to White's Trailer Park Entrance) – CMAQ Grant

UPDATE: The Project Agreement has been forwarded to NCDOT. Staff will seek an estimate from Hydrostructures, LLC on project design and secure approvals from NCDOT. Once we gain this approval from NCDOT, we will begin design of the project and gain final determination on issues like project costs and whether we will need to acquire additional easements to complete the work.

PROJECT: Hire Town Engineer

UPDATE: I interviewed three (3) candidates for the position. The final decision is on hiatus until we gain consensus on Town Hall space issues. We need to reschedule a meeting to begin exploration of Town administration and Police Department operations as they relate to Town workspace.

PROJECT: FY 2013-2014 Budget

UPDATE: Department heads are working on proposed budgets. The Town Board postponed the Strategic Planning session. We should decide whether to reschedule an alternate date for the session.

OTHER NEWS:

- I am looking forward to commuting to a seminar on wastewater finance at UNC's School of Government on February 5 and 6. On February 6, mid-day, I will be attending the annual North Carolina City and County Management Association Winter Seminar. These are both great opportunities for me to learn more about recent local government issues in North Carolina, meet some new people and gather some new ideas from different parts of the state. I will report back to you what I learn.
- I have received some interest from two (2) different individuals on a single piece of property in Pittsboro. There are some old utility issues that will need to be answered (and eventually resolved by the potential purchasers) if it gets to that point. I will seek direction from you once I have more information from Hydrostructures, LLC.