

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
October 27, 2014

PROJECT: Pittsboro Downtown Vision Plan

UPDATE: NCDOT will be convening a meeting to form the details of the funding for design work that was approved for the first four (4) items in the Downtown Vision Plan. From the Town's perspective, I am seeking formalization and definition on relationships and roles for the funding that has been approved. I will also seek an agreement describe the construction funds to disbursed once the design phase has been complete - as well as formalization for the balance of the costs associated with the balance of the Downtown Vision Plan. When this information becomes available, I will share it with the Board and Downtown Businesses.

PROJECT: Mid-Year Board Retreat

UPDATE: On January 11 we held a retreat with the Board and key staff to develop a general strategic plan for the near and long term future of the Town's operations. Attached in the FYI portion is the written report from Dr. David Long which outlines the discussion from our Planning Retreat Follow Up Session held on September 29. During this meeting we developed three (3) "Action Plans" – 1) Increase water and wastewater capability; 2) Prepare the Town to review and respond to Chatham Park's Small Area Plans; 3) Develop a long term financial plan. The "Action Plans" begin discussion on page 4. I will help coordinate the follow up, progress and update to you with regard to each of the Action Items.

PROJECT: WWTP Capacity

UPDATE: As you will recall from Mid-Year Board Retreat, the top-ranked issue was addressing the need for additional capacity at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). As discussed, Staff developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a "Professional Engineering Report" (PER) for our WWTP expansion and upgrade. The RFQ is attached in the "FYI" section of your Agenda packet. Staff expects to release this RFQ during the week of October 13, 2014. The PER would ask engineering professionals to identify and evaluate alternatives and cost estimates to increase the Town's current WWTP from 0.75 MGD to 1.249 MGD and also to evaluate the Town's alternatives for increasing its WWTP capacity to the fully permitted 3.22 MGD. The timeline would require a full report from selected firm by October 2015. The PER and associated technical documents will likely be available for review online early during the week of October 27.

PROJECT: Determination of Stream Buffers locations in the Chatham Park PDD

UPDATE: Attached in the "FYI" section of the Board packet a memo from Soil & Environmental Consultants (S&EC) which outlines the process that will be used to identify stream locations in the Chatham Park PDD. S&EC – at the expense of Chatham Park Investors LLC – will make the initial determinations and submit a report to the Town of Pittsboro. The Town Engineer will conduct field verifications of the S&EC

determinations within three (3) months of receiving the report for the 1,700 acre area delineated in the Chatham Park PDD property north of the 64 Bypass (see *Chatham Park Stream Map, April 2013* on last page of the attachment). Any differences between the Town findings and S&EC's findings will be first addressed with S&EC, and – if necessary – forwarded to the State Division of Water Resources for final resolution.

PROJECT: Page Vernon Pocket Park

UPDATE: Emerson Land Planning and Paul Horne presented preliminary plans with cost estimates to the Board on October 13. As discussed, they will be evaluating cost estimates for the various options with options for lighting elements. Staff will update with the current goal of letting the project for bid in January 2015 with possible construction in Spring 2015.

PROJECT: Sidewalk Construction

UPDATE: The Town has been working on extending sidewalks in three (3) locations: East Street (from the Post Office to Whites MHP Rd), NC 87 (from NC 87 to Pittsboro Elementary School Rd) and Pittsboro Elementary School Road (from NC 87 to Pittsboro Elementary School).

- East St. Sidewalk Extension: Staff met and discussed the submitted high bids and agreed to rebid project during the spring season in 2015 (likely, February 2015). The rationale will be to gather a new group of lower priced bids. Staff will update the terms of the current CMAQ agreement for NCDOT, which will extend the timeframe of the current CMAQ grant. When NCDOT has approved of the new agreement terms, Staff will forward a copy for Town Board review.
- NC 87: Staff has been verifying right of way (ROW) issues along the east side of the street where the sidewalk has been designed for construction. It appears Staff will be forwarding a recommendation within the next two (2) meetings.
- Pittsboro Elementary School Rd: The site survey highlighted a minor (ROW) issues were discovered similar to the situation on NC 87. Staff will forward a recommendation to resolve the ROW issue in the same meeting that we address the NC 87 ROW issue.

PROJECT: Draft US 15-501 Corridor Study Traffic Analysis Report

UPDATE: Attached in the FYI section of your Agenda packet is a draft Corridor Study. The completed copy should be finalized soon and I am working with NCDOT to receive a presentation on the final report, with specific attention paid to potential changes to the highway near Northwood High School Rd/Russet Run. I am also aware that further discussions are taking place regarding internal operations at the High School site in order to mitigate traffic backups on the highway. This report on the High School site would be in addition to the Corridor Study. I will do my best to let you know when this information is available.