

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
July 22, 2013

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project

UPDATE: The contractor removed signage from the project and is completing NCDOT punch list items. Materials were compiled and sent for the close-out of the Community Development Block Grant. NCDOT is anticipating resurfacing the length of the project as early as September 2013.

PROJECT: Chief of Police Selection

UPDATE: Percy Crutchfield is expecting to begin service as Chief of Police on August 6, 2013.

PROJECT: Water Treatment Plant - Generator Replacement Project

UPDATE: Staff has developed bid documents and expects to solicit bids in anticipation of a bid opening on August 19. Staff is following-up on recent reports that Rural Center funding is immediately frozen. Rural Center staff has informed us that existing grant funding remains intact.

PROJECT: Audit Selection

UPDATE: Staff has solicited and is analyzing bids from five (5) firms to provide the annual Town audit for review at the August 12 Board of Commissioners meeting.

PROJECT: Water Treatment Plant - Emergency Generator

UPDATE: Staff met with NCDENR personnel to discuss State Revolving Fund Loans to acquire an emergency generator for the Water Treatment Plant. The Town may pursue funding for design work this fall.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension

UPDATE: Staff secured statement of qualifications from two (2) firms to survey the property where the sidewalk extension is anticipated for construction on East Street (from Chatham Business Center to Town limits). Staff has selected one of the firms.

The next step will be to negotiate a cost for the survey work and gain approval from the State. Design work of the sidewalk segment would begin immediately after that.

PROJECT: Section 319 (North Carolina Non-Point Source Pollution) Grant Application

UPDATE: The Town of Pittsboro has been “short-listed” for approval for a grant that will help construct natural storm drain structures - “bio-retention” in select areas of Town. Fred Royal, Town Engineer, will be “interviewing” at DENR on July 30 to help make the final case for the Town’s proposal.

PROJECT: Energy Audit at Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

UPDATE: Waste Reduction Partners (WRP) will be scheduling an energy audit at the WTP and WWTP. There is no cost to the Town for this service because it is funded by the State. WRP will be looking at electric usage, water efficiencies, water loss and other possible system improvements.

OTHER NEWS:

- I attended the Public Executive Leadership Academy (PELA) at UNC from July 8 – July 13. My individual homework assignment from the academy includes creating a “community change project” to develop presentations on local government (with a particular emphasis on Pittsboro) to High School students and other community groups that have had limited exposure to local government. I will be attending the required second week of PELA from August 5 – August 9.