

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
August 12, 2013

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project

UPDATE: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is expected to be closed-out following the public hearing scheduled for the August 12 Board of Commissioners meeting. NCDOT has awarded the paving contract to ST Wooton and is expecting to begin milling the surface of Hillsboro Street during the first week of September.

PROJECT: Chief of Police Selection

UPDATE: We received approval from the North Carolina Department of Justice Criminal Justice Standards Division and are looking to swear-in Percy Crutchfield during the week of August 12. He would begin service immediately after swearing-in. When I have a date/time, I will shoot an email to Board members.

PROJECT: Storm Water Ordinance for New Development

UPDATE: Staff will be forwarding an ordinance for Board review to regulate soil erosion and sedimentation. This recommendation will include a proposal for Chatham to administer the Soil Erosion and sedimentation ordinance. A fee structure to cover the costs for plan review for new development would also be included.

PROJECT: Water Treatment Plant - Generator Replacement Project

UPDATE: Staff revised bid package for the emergency generator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A pre-bid meeting will be held August 26 to discuss the changes to the bid package (changes to wiring and the switchboard) based on new information. The changes will allow the entire WWTP to be tied into one (1) emergency generator, as opposed to two (2) emergency generators (as originally proposed). Town's funding for this project is intact as long as we continue to follow required due diligence. Once we have received bids, Staff will contact the Rural Center to ensure that funds remain available before entering into a contract and spending money.

PROJECT: Auditor Firm Selection

UPDATE: Staff has solicited proposals to perform the audit services and is analyzing bids from five (5) firms to provide the annual Town audit for review at the August 12 Board of Commissioners meeting. Once the selection is complete, Staff will begin working with the firm on the annual audit.

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 is pursuing a planning grant through the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund to provide a full engineering assessment of the Water Treatment Plant and possible upgrades.

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 Summit Engineers (Cary, NC). Staff is expecting a cost proposal during August 12. The following step is to get an approval from NCDOT on the cost proposal.

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

UPDATE: The Town of Pittsboro has been unofficially approved for a grant that will help construct natural storm drain structures - "bio-retention" in select areas of Town. The project would begin in January 2014 with concept design engineering, construction could mid-year 2014.

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 on August 27 or 29. 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 August 5 – August 9. It was a very rewarding experience. I learned a lot about my individual style and identified some short and long term goals for improvement that I would like to review with Board members in the near future. 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 have a meeting scheduled with the interim Superintendent at the Chatham County Schools to discuss how we could implement a local government curriculum.

- I spent a morning with the “Friends of the Rocky River” and toured various part of the Rocky River. It was very interesting to learn about another local water source.