

**Town of Pittsboro**  
Status of Projects and Other News  
*August 26, 2013*

**PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project**

**UPDATE:** NCDOT contractor – ST Wooten – is expected to begin pre-paving work on Hillsboro Street on August 26 at the Courthouse end by replacing water valves, manholes and generally making adjustment to utilities. According to the contractor, milling could start on September 3. Paving could begin on September 9. I will communicate any updates through email, Town’s Twitter the Town of Pittsboro Facebook page. Staff will also establish communications between ST Wooten and local businesses.

**PROJECT: Chief of Police Selection**

**UPDATE:** Percy Crutchfield was sworn-in as Police Chief on August 14 and began work on August 16. He will be introduced to the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners on August 26. Chief Crutchfield is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic addition to our Staff. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Chief Collins, Lt. Melissa Starr and the rest of the Police Department for capably picking up the slack during the interim.

**PROJECT: New Customer Service Representative**

**UPDATE:** We are excited to announce that Crystal Ours begins work as the Town’s new Customer Service Representative on August 28, replacing Ann Wilkie who recently retired after years of service with the Police Department and the front desk/lobby area. Crystal, a long-time Pittsboro resident, comes to the Town from the Capital Bank. Please stop by and welcome her when you have a chance.

**PROJECT: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance for New Development**

**UPDATE:** Staff will be forwarding an ordinance to the Board to better review to regulate soil erosion and sedimentation. The documents will be included in the September 9 Board agenda packet as an FYI. If appropriate it could be formally discussed on September 23. This recommendation will include a proposal for Chatham County 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: Annual Town Audit**

**UPDATE:** Rives and Associates have begun going through Town financial records with the previous Town auditing firm. The Audit will be complete and forwarded to the Local Government Finance Commission by December 1, 2013.

**PROJECT: Water Treatment Plant - Generator Replacement Project**

**UPDATE:** Bob Taylor, the Town's contact with the Rural Center indicates as of August 23 that the 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 spend money.

**PROJECT: Surplus Town Equipment**

**UPDATE:** Staff advertised and sold a number of pieces of surplus Town equipment on an Internet auction site – [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com). Included in the sale was the old copier (\$250), the 1999 Crown Vic (\$650), 1990 Ford Bronco (\$900), 1989 Ford Bronco (\$1,580), 1986 Chevy Blazer \$1,500 and the "quad" 2004 Polaris Sportsman (\$2,100). Two (2) of the three (3) waste water plant pumps are about to sell for \$4,500.

**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. The following step is to get an approval from NCDOT on the cost 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 on August 27. 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:**

- Earlier this month, NCDOT added signage to the cross-walk/pedestrian island area near the Chatham Market Place on Hillsboro St./15-501. In addition to the "arrow" signs that you see below, additional 'warning' signs were installed away from the island are given a little more advance pedestrian notice as they approach the cross walk from both directions.

