

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Capital Projects and Other Updates
December 10, 2012

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Transmission Line Replacement Project

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

Staff has received complaints of stone dust “screenings” associated with the project. The dust results from the NCDOT requirement to prohibit the build up of red clay from trenches on the Hillsboro St road surface. Town Staff procured a street sweeper on 12/7/12 to clean the road surface and prevent the dust clouds and tracking of dust into downtown business. The contractor will assume the cost of the street sweeper as part of its obligation to keep the worksites reasonably clean.

The project is expected to go on holiday hiatus on 12/21/12 and resume on 1/3/12.

PROJECT: Improvements on 15/501 at Springdale Drive

UPDATE: Mr. Messick is waiting for collateral, letter of trust or performance bond from the Chatham Forest HOA before the Town of Pittsboro commits its subcontractors to making the improvements on Springdale Drive and the intersection of Springdale and 15/501.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension – CMAQ Grant

UPDATE: Waiting for draft agreement from CMAQ. Town Staff expects this document in the next week, or so.

PROJECT: Hire Town Engineer

UPDATE: Board of Commissioners will review a recommendation on relocated office space outside of Town Hall on 12/10/12. Once this decision is made, Planning Staff will relocate their offices in preparation of including the soon to be hired Town Engineer in the move. Meanwhile, I have begun reviewing applications and look forward to identifying a short list of candidates to interview in early January 2013. Ideally, the new Town Engineer could begin work in a new office by early February 2013.

PROJECT: Replace Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

UPDATE: As I indicated in my email to you earlier this week, Scott Jewell is accepting a position in the private sector for a considerable increase in pay and responsibility. This news is bittersweet for all of us as Mr. Jewell has been an integral part of changing the operational culture and the water treatment plant. Mr. Jewell is not seeking to renegotiate his pay or responsibilities with the Town of Pittsboro and appears very excited for this new challenge, which will begin on the conclusion of his 30-day notice. I am scheduling an exit interview with Mr. Jewell which will take place sometime in the next couple weeks. John Poteat, Utilities Director, and I are developing a succession plan and we will update the Board at the next meeting.