

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
February 10, 2014

PROJECT: Downtown Pocket Park

UPDATE: Paul Horne and I met with Rob Emerson to discuss initial design concepts for the anticipated park property on Hillsboro Street adjacent to the Bradshaw and Robinson Law Office. The Town budgeted \$10,000 during the current fiscal year for design work.

PROJECT: Proposed Chatham Park Planned Development District Master Plan review

UPDATE: Craig Lewis of the Lawrence Group was at Town Hall on February 4 meeting with Staff and representatives from Preston Development's team to discuss the Master Plan and Planned Development District zoning ordinance. Mr. Lewis also reports receiving calls from the public. The report is due to my office by February 14. The Board will receive a presentation from Mr. Lewis on February 24.

PROJECT: Jordan Lake Partnership (JLP)

UPDATE: Staff is providing technical data related to water usage and "water returns" (or, water that would be returned to the watershed) as part of the JLP application. NCDENR has approved a two (2) month extension for the JLP to submit allocation information.

PROJECT: Waste Water Treatment Plant - Generator Replacement Project

UPDATE: The electrical transfer switch and main sub-panel was installed. The new generator should arrive at the WWTP by the end of January. The anticipated date for completion is mid-February.

PROJECT: Park Street Storm Water Improvements

UPDATE: Work on Park Street was scheduled to begin near the end of the week of January 27, but was delayed because of bad weather. This work will include re-grading right of way swales, cleaning an existing culvert and installing a headwall at the existing culvert. Staff will notify nearby residents prior to construction.

PROJECT: NC 87 Sidewalk

UPDATE: Staff obtained cost estimates to install sidewalk on NC 87 from West Street to Pittsboro Elementary School Rd. The first option includes the installation of curb, a small strip and sidewalk along the east side of NC 87 at a cost of \$61,870. The second option does not involve a curb/gutter – it moves the sidewalk away from the road and toward the houses at a cost of \$26,900. Staff has

that DOT consider a variance to their typical standards allow the proposed sidewalk to be placed closer to the road and inside of the utility poles because of the nearby signal at the West Street/NC 87 intersection, as well as the 35 MPH speed limit. Fred Royal, Town Engineer, has finalized preliminary drawing details to better illustrate the alternatives and will review them with the Board on February 10.

OTHER NEWS:

- The North Carolina City and County Managers Association (NCCCMA) hosted a “speed coaching” exercise which gave me the opportunity to meet and speak with over 30 graduate students about local government administration as well as the possibility of retaining a future public servant for a summer/fall internship.
- I will be attending a Water and Wastewater Finance course at the School of Government in Chapel Hill on February 11 and 12. The purpose of the course is to get updates and learn best practices on financing water and wastewater capital improvement projects – e.g., grants and public financing options, rates and revenue and advanced technologies. The course is timely given our strategic planning concerns about the enterprise funds and proposed utility expansions.
- I will be at the Commission on Aging cutting deserts as part of their annual bake-off from 3-5 pm on Sunday, February 6. It is strenuous work, but someone has to do it. Please stop by if you are able.