

Town Manager Updates

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Week Ending: June 13th, 2014

- The bond issue for the Great Dam removal and the water/sewer line improvements for Lincoln Street, Winter Street, Daniel Street, and Tremont Streets has been issued. The Town received a 2.3% true interest cost with a \$428,000+ premium. Bond proceeds will be deposited in the Town's account by July 17th, 2014.
- The Economic Development position hiring process continues.
- The closing date for the Elliott property has been set for Friday, June 20th.
- The Town welcomed Tim Childers as a full-time custodian. Tim was hired by DPW and began work last month.
- The Meeting Place Phase III project is about to get underway. This housing project was awarded CDBG funding in the last round of funding; groundbreaking should be occurring soon.
- The IT Office has been working the last few weeks on an email changeover to the exeternh.gov address. The official phasing out of town.exeter.nh.us extension has begun.
- The town clerk has created a survey to ask town residents about office hours.
- Parks/Recreation has completed a draft survey to ask questions of residents about Parks/Recreation services going forward.
- IT continues to work on securing summer temporary help to update the photo database in Vision. Some of the photos are over a decade old.
- The Town received word it not get the Hurricane Sandy grant for Great Dam removal. However, the Town will be applying for an EPA 319 Watershed Assistance Grant to help offset the cost of removal.
- Coordinated a letter of support for Unitil to extend natural gas lines up Epping Road and 27 and into Brentwood.
- The Budget subcommittees working on 1) the charter of the budcom and 2) the human services funding/applications have finished their work and recommendations will be forthcoming.
- The CIP process is underway and the Town Planner and I have been meeting with various Town Departments that have capital improvement program requests. This is for the 2015-2020 CIP.
- On Tuesday, June 3rd I attended a seminar at the Exeter Inn where Unitil presented it's emergency management updates.
- On June 4th I attended a meeting at Unitil in Hampton where all utilities were present (PSNH, et al) to review the easements along Route 33 with respect to the Portsmouth option.
- On June 5th I met with the EDC Executive Committee to discuss the EDC Ordinance and the EDC meeting of June 10th.
- On Tuesday, June 10th I attended the monthly Exeter Development Commission meeting.
- I attended a meeting with Don Jutton and MRI on June 13th to discuss the assessing contract and items on the "to do list" moving forward. The Town will need to position itself for a statistical update in 2015.
- On Tuesday, June 10th I met with representatives of the Maritime Northeast Pipeline to explain the latest updates regarding their business.

- Several town office building issues occurred in the past two weeks: some a/c units were leaking and needed repair; the wiring in the building was reviewed by our electrician, building officials and fire officials (see letter in packet), work continues on the “swipe card” security system.
- Fielded a Selectboard member(s) question regarding the Portsmouth Avenue traffic lights: DPW follow up initiated.
- Alert for three dead trees in downtown – referred to DPW for removal.