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**To:** Mayor and Council  
**cc:** Department Heads  
**From:** Pat MacQueen, City Manager  
**Date:** August 15, 2011  
**Re:** Manager's Report

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## **State Retirement Changes Budget Impact**

Finance Director Betty Domino has in the attached memo reviewed the impact of the latest retirement changes and their likely impact on the City's budget. In sum, we are likely to be about 6% of base pay short for those groups affected based on what we originally budgeted vs. what the state legislature and the NHRS finally ended up with. This is going to be a very significant figure and after determining what it is for each Department, we will be coming to the Council with a recommended approach to dealing with it budget-wise.

## **I&I**

Contract #2 of the first phase of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) removal is at the 90% design stage and has been sent to NH DES for review and comment. We expect that it will go out to bid as soon as we get the approval from DES. This work will be carried out in parts in two areas of the City.

The first is to install a new sanitary line from the top of McGee Street down McGee and across Riverside Drive and then across significant wet areas to the so-called Cross Country line (which we just re-lined). The work on Riverside Drive is relatively short and includes three manholes, but controlled traffic will be maintained at all times. It is likely that the work on Main Street will take about three days. BWW is no longer in this section of Riverside Drive.

The second is to install a new sanitary sewer on Kent Street from Grafton Street to Derrah Street thereby separating what is currently a combined sanitary/drainage system in that area. The existing sewer will become a storm sewer.

The Engineer's estimate for this work is \$1.1M.

### **Large Loads**

The heaviest of the many loads coming through Berlin for the Granite Reliable Wind Project will likely come through Berlin this week (tentatively tomorrow night) and either coming up Main Street or Pleasant Street depending on which route works the best for getting it through Berlin to its destination in Dummer. It is a 175,000# transformer and is currently at a RR siding on Route 110 behind Car Freshner. It will be taken off the rail siding early in the evening and brought to Jericho Road and then through town. Together with its tractor and trailer, the total weight is around to 414,000#.

The lighter but larger parts like propellers and tower sections have been coming through town at the rate of about nine per day. They seem to move along fairly well, but there are many of them still to go. Basically there are 33 wind mills with 9 loads per windmill or a total of about 297 loads that have to be transported. Needless to say, it will be another month or so of these loads coming through.

### **Notre Dame Abatement Activities are Complete**

The abatement efforts needed to clean up Notre Dame High School have been completed using ARRA funds through NH DES. This includes the abatement of lead impacted soils and lead and PCB contaminated paints. Asbestos was taken care of in the first round of abatement work. Overall, this is over \$700k in abatement work at Notre Dame.

### **Andre Caron to be on NHPR interview for the NSP 1 program**

We just learned that Andre will be interviewed by NHPR at noon tomorrow. He will be on with Amy Minutti who is the head of the NSP program for CDFA. They will be touring the NSP I program area on the east side and discussing the program which is now complete. Representatives of New England Family Housing will be there as well.

### **Senator Gallus Prison and ATV Tour**

Senator Gallus on Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be leading a tour of a contingent of State Senators to the new Federal Prison and also the State Prison in the morning and then the ATV Park in the afternoon. If any of the Mayor and Council would like to attend all or part of this tour, they are welcome to do so.

### **Lunch and Learn**

This Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> is another workshop put on by the Better Buildings Program in the City Hall auditorium from 11:30-12:30. This program will focus on renewable energy alternatives and in particular solar hot water systems. The flier for this workshop is attached and RSVP (326-6166) is requested.