

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
cc: Department Heads
From: Pat MacQueen
Date: November 15, 2010
Re: Manager's Report

12th Street Bridge Project

The Twelfth Street Bridge is open as of today. This morning at 9am, Mayor Grenier cut the ribbon and the new deck is open to traffic. The project was completed on time and under budget.

East Milan Road Paving

The final leak in the pipeline near the new pump station has been found and corrected and the line has been pressure tested satisfactorily. The final paving coat from the bridge to the Compact Line will not go on until next spring in order to allow for full settlement in the trench areas. Work will continue on the pump station through the winter.

Paving Projects

The Hutchins Street and the Highland Park Avenue paving projects are pretty much complete with Pike sneaking them in the spate of good weather we had last week.

I&I Project

The I&I bid package prepared by Wright Pierce for the Dairy Bar Pump Station line is at 90% completion and is being reviewed by RD and DES for approval to bid. The project calls for the re-lining of this line in place. The rough schedule for the project is for bids to be let this month, bids to be received in December and the project to be carried out from January through March. The schedule which is dependent on these approvals is to hold a pre-bid conference on November 23rd and bidding on December 7th with substantial completion within 30 days and final in 45 from Contract signing. There is no guarantee we can hold that schedule if we don't get comments from the agencies in the next couple of days. The other important thing to note is that that manholes along the relining route will be raised/rehabilitated under the next phase of work (hopefully in the spring 2011), due to the complexities of digging within the Shoreland Protection Zone and lead times on permits (it was felt that pulling out the manhole rehabilitation portion would allow the City to expedite the relining portion or the work and not bog the whole thing down until next year). Attached are aerials showing the work location.

Mill Owner Lunch Meeting

Last Monday, Mayor Grenier and I attended a lunch meeting at the Dairy Bar hosted by AVH with the new owners of the Cascade Mill – Frank DelGreco and Mike Mosato. Others who attended were representatives of the local banks, AVH, John Gallus, Barry Kelly, Robin Frost (Gorham Town Manager). The owners provided quite a bit of information about their own backgrounds as well as their plans for the future with the mill.

Demolition Projects

The demolition project contracts for 796 Western Avenue, 761 Second Ave (Sessions Street) have been completed. 169 Green Street is currently under demolition.

GACIT Meeting

Attached is a notice of the next Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) which will be held at the Fire Academy in Concord this Wednesday at 1pm. This meeting is among other things to review the 2011-2020 State Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. It is this plan that contains the Southern Section of the Conway Bypass but does not contain the middle or northern sections.

EFSEC Process for District Pipeline

Attached is a notice which was advertised of an order and notice of a public meeting and informational hearing on the application of the Waste District to be exempted from the EFSEC process for the proposed gas pipeline to the mill. There will be a site visit of the Committee to the site at 1pm on November 22nd at the Landfill. At 4pm that same day, there will be a public informational meeting at City Hall and at 6pm an informational hearing.

Christmas Parade

Attached is a notice from the Berlin Main Street Program which indicates that the Main Street Program and the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce are partnering with the Kiwanis Club this year to carry out the Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday November 27th at 7pm. In the past, the parade has always been held on a Friday evening.

Mount Abigail Adams

Attached is a letter from the United States Board on Geographic Names indicating that Adams Four in the White Mountain National Forest has had its name officially changed to Mount Abigail Adams.