

Town Administrator Report
April 20, 2015

1. Projects Update:

Quinebaug Regional Technology Park Bridge, Road and Utilities Construction

- Tully Construction is back on bridge construction job.
- Gerber Construction, contractor for west approach road with utilities construction, was issued Notice of Award on March 6, 2015. Contract with Gerber will be signed on April 20th and Notice to Proceed will be issued.
- Sewer Lift Station bid needs slight redesign to accommodate YCMA flows before we can go out to bid.
- Water line installation is covered under BETA's Contract 2 through the WPCA's water line replacement project. Bids received and bids are being reviewed before an award is made. Construction should begin this spring. Activities are being coordinated with construction of Regional YMCA community center to insure that utilities are in place by the time required by the Y.
- Working with Eversource Gas Division (Yankee Gas) on possible routes to bring natural gas to the Tech Park. Route has been agreed upon and should have agreement within 30 days.

Water Line Replacement/Relining Project

- Contract 1 work has begun on Thompson Avenue to installation of temporary water lines. Contract will primarily cover cleaning and cement lining of existing water mains in Groveland/Thompson Avenue/Bates Avenue area and Wilkinson/Bellevue/Prospect/Oak Streets area.
- Contract 2 bids are being reviewed to determine lowest responsible bidder. Meeting with consulting engineer to review bids. Project is expected to begin late spring/early summer. Contract 2 covers the bulk of the water line replacement/relining project totaling 40,000 linear feet.

Sewer Lift Stations

- Bid has been awarded to Associated Construction in the amount of \$2.9 million for rehabilitation/reconstruction of town's ten sewer lift stations. Spring contract start date. No change.

Manganese/Iron Treatment Building

- Four companies submitted proposals to the Request for Qualifications. WPCA selected two design/build partner teams – Stantec/Waterline and Tighe & Bond/RH White to provide full proposals. Specifications of proposal are being reviewed by USDA as funding agency before submittal to design/build teams.

Putnam High School Project

- Work is progressing in accordance with construction schedule. Issues have been raised about timing of water line work in vicinity and tying into work on

gas lines. Water line project timing is flexible to accommodate 2015 construction season. Gas line installation timeline is not yet set.

2. Collective Bargaining Process. In process of working out a time schedule to begin negotiations with United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) representing town employees. Contract expires on June 30, 2015. Management team still meeting to plan strategy for upcoming negotiation sessions.
3. Solar Photovoltaic System on Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. See agenda.
4. Putnam PRIDE. Completed Drug-Free Communities Mentoring program grant to assist, if awarded, the newly formed coalition in Griswold. If awarded, grant would be for two years and amount could be as much as \$75,000 per year. Grant application requested \$62,000.
5. WPCA. WPCA received two proposals from Veolia and United Water in response to request have a public-private partnership for the operation, maintenance and management of the Town's water and sewer operations. Proposals are being reviewed by WPCA and staff and interviews will be conducted with firms.
6. Putnam EMS Board. Met with Board to discuss Town's budget for service and how to budget for replacing ambulances in the future. Board is looking into lease/purchase as a possible option instead of outright purchase. Will be researching national procurement cooperatives as a possible solution.
7. Regional Community YMCA Advisory Board. Attended April monthly meeting to update them on progress of Tech Park development. One outstanding issue is the provision of permanent electrical power to site. Holdup is providing the requisite easement coverage for CL&P. CL&P requires sign-off that any of the other easements in the area will not impinge upon the CL&P easement. One of the outstanding questions was Wheelabrator's right to repurchase property should the YMCA or Tech Park not proceed. Town Attorney was working on getting a subordination agreement with Wheelabrator. Coordination of road/bridge and utility construction is becoming paramount as the Y has certain timeframes under their construction schedule that need to be tied in with Town's construction schedule for instance providing water to site and gas.
8. Sabin Street Recreation Project. Issued an RFP for engineering services to provide remove gravel from site and develop a grading plan showing the base grade at the Little River for purposes of constructing new athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball) on this 30+ acre site. Proposals will be opened at Selectmen's meeting. Went on site visit with six firms that expressed interest in submitting proposals.
9. WINY Talk Show. Went on talk show with Jerry Beausoleil and BETA Group's Bob Drake to talk about the water line replacement/relining project.

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CME Project No.:	2014135.00
Project Description:	Technology Park Road Bridge over Quinebaug, Putnam, Connecticut
Date:	March 25, 2015
Time:	7:45am – 8:00am, 11:15am – 11:45am
Weather:	Sunny, 40°s F
Present:	Tully Construction Corp.
Submitted By:	K. DeCarli

Description of Work

The Tully Construction crew installed the temporary cofferdam on the western side of the Quinebaug river. The previously installed silt curtain appeared to be in good condition.

Digital photos were taken.



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CME Project No.:	2014135.00
Project Description:	Technology Park Road Bridge over Quinebaug, Putnam, Connecticut
Date:	March 30, 2015
Time:	10:30am - 11:00am
Weather:	Overcast, 30°s F
Present:	Tully Construction Corp.
Submitted By:	K. DeCarli

Description of Work

The Tully Construction crew was on-site accepting delivery of the steel pilings. The pilings were stockpiled on both sides of the river as they were delivered.

There is minor snow damage to the silt fence on the eastern portion of the site, repairs will be needed when the snow has melted.

Digital photos were taken.



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