



Department of Public Works | 860.584.6125

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2022

TO: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: BPW January – Director’s Report

Please find attached a summary report of the Department’s activities, issues and concerns for the January Board of Public Works’ meeting.

1. Staffing: 19 DPW employees had loss of work due to Covid (4 Solid Waste/ 4 Streets/4 Building Maintenance/2 Engineering & 1 Admin). The loss time was a result a positive test and out of work due to family care issues. As a result of the impact of loss staff both the Fleet and Building Maintenance Divisions incurred additional overtime cost. DPW assisted PD install traffic control for distribution of covid test kits and masks.

DPW Street Div. Equipment Operator vacancy has been filled with an internal candidate (Daniel Raspardo). The Fleet Div. Mech Helper position has been filled with an outside candidate (Michael Dince). City is advertising for an Engineering construction inspector and the Engineering Env Tech position is scheduled to be vacant the end of January. The existing env tech is leaving the City. DPW Building Maintenance Div. Tech/groundkeeper remains out on workers comp (being filled with temp employee). In order to maintain the temporary status he can only work until mid-February. As Director, I support a MOU to allow the temporary employee to continue past February. The MOU is required to document that the temp employee is not eligible for City benefits.

2. Solid Waste Christmas tree collection: To date DPW has collected 12 tons of Christmas trees. Collection will continue to the end of January. In 2020 and 2021 DPW collected 23 and 19 tons respectively.



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3. Transfer Station: DPW repairing the retaining walks and walkways along the collection containers/dumpsters accessed by residents. Work consists of replacing a portion of the retaining walls, removing the asphalt walks & curbs and installing precast concrete curbing. The area will be backfilled with milling/process and paved in the spring when asphalt plants open.
4. Vehicles: DPW received delivery of a pickup \$44,000 plow & lift scheduled to installed (\$68,000). Mason dump scheduled to be received the end of January (\$77,000). Bulk truck currently out to bid & scheduled to be received 1/19/22. Street Div. roadside tacker/mower being serviced by outside vendor (electric/PTO/transmission). Repair cost \$32,000, tracker/mower replacement cost \$120,000.
5. Snow Operations: DPW Snow operations was activated for 3 storm and several times to address ice issues (including 1/4/21 black ice/freezing rain during the AM commute). OT cost to date \$53,428/\$270,000 budget. Snow Plow Vendor fees approx. \$18,000/\$320,000 budget. Salt delivered 1,500 tons. Both the DPW yard and Peacedale salt dome are fully stocked.

DPW currently pretreats with liquid magnesium and/or salt. Liquid pretreatments cannot be applied at below freezing temperatures due to high water content and salt does not stay on high traffic roads. DPW is investigating pretreatment with brine. Although pretreating with a salt brine solution does have the same potential freezing issue as mag due to its low cost compared to mag salt brine solution can be applied more often (during the day for night time benefit).

DPW cleared approximately 15 sidewalks identified by PD. DPW will issue bills to property owners. If past history is an indication, approximate 10-12 will not pay & DPW will forward to Corp Council to lien property. Bills include a time stamp picture of sidewalk before and after snow removal.

6. Salt Dome reroofing project: Currently out to bid. As part of bid the existing unused conveyor is scheduled to be removed and the western shed roof may be replaced (bid alternate) to increase height for vehicles.



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7. DPW Street Division installed storm drainage at Stafford School for the BOE. Drainage installed loam and seeding in the spring required.
8. Cert Team has requested permission to place a table at the north entrance of City Hall for a St. Vincent DePaul food drive. The request is for 1/1/22 to 1/25/22.
9. Flood Erosion Control Board meeting; DPW to coordinate meeting date/time. The Flood Control Board consist of the City Council. BPW members will be invited/notified. Agenda items below:
 - a. City Area of Flooding – Director’s DPW memo dated 9/7/21
 - b. FEMA Flood Assistance Program
 - c. NRCS & mitigation grant programs
 - d. Proposed New FEMA Flood Plain maps – Pequabuck River
10. DPW Phone System: IT reprogramed DPW’s City Hall and City Yard phones in order enable staff located at either location to answer either phone. This will allow the City Yard to answer the City Hall phone during emergency operations and allow City Hall to answer the Yard phone after operations 3:00PM shift.
11. Route 6 rail Crossing: DPW is hiring an Engineering firm to assist DPW Engineering obtain a State Encroachment permit to reconstruct the Route 6 rail crossing west of Clark Ave. Work consist of formatting design plans into DOW format and detour signage plan.
12. Mem Blvd: Bridge construction continues, obelisk are currently being fabricated off-site. A tour to see the obelisk can be arranged for board members (if desired). Retaining wall schedule impacted by cold weather, however anticipated completion date week of February 6, 2022.
13. Emergency Management Meeting scheduled to coordinate DPW, PD, EMS and FD activity on 1/19/21.
14. Eversource map of proposed tree trimming attached.

Feel free to contact me with any question or concerns at 860-584-6113.

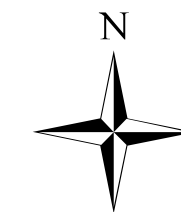
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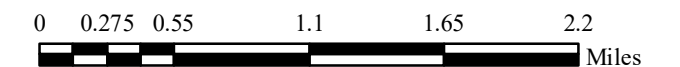
- Backbone Maintenance Trimming
- Scheduled Maintenance Trimming
- Substations
- Town Boundary

Town Mileage Summary

BB METT:	23.17
SMT:	33.60
Total:	56.77

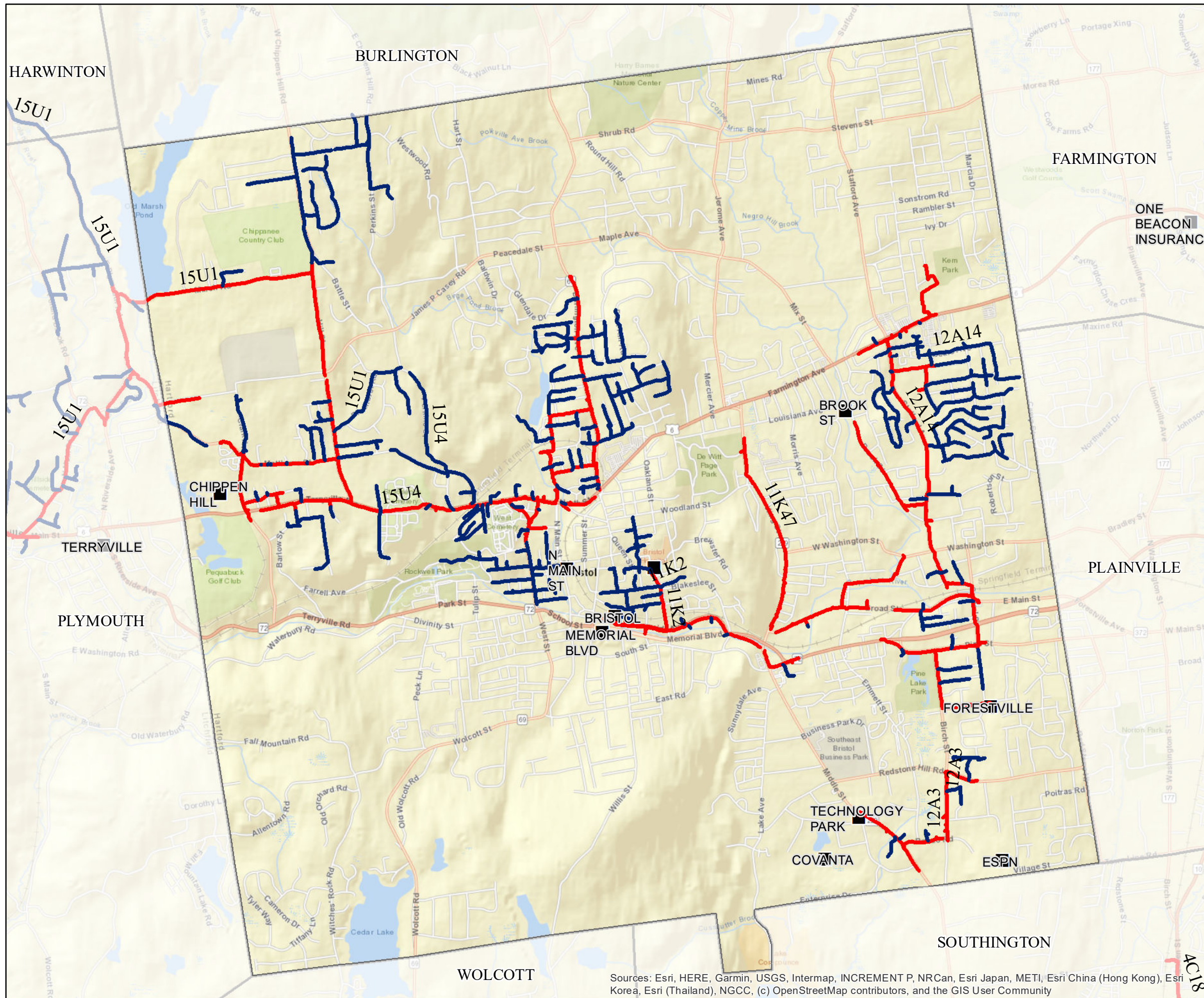


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