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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2023

TO: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano  
Board of Public Works

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

RE: BPW June – Director's Report

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Please find attached a summary report of the Department's activities, issues, and concerns for the June 15, 2023 Board of Public Works meeting.

1. **Staffing: Administration Division** – Admin employee (Account Receivable/Payable) started 5/22/23. **Land Use Division** - Fully staffed. **Eng. Division** –Survey position filled starting 6/15/23. **Assistant City Engineer** position remains vacant, recruiter continues to work on recruitment (no viable candidates to date). **Building Maintenance Division** – 1 custodian vacancy (scheduled to be advertised outside). **Streets Division:** 1 vacant laborer position. **Solid Waste** – 2 laborer positions vacant. **Fleet Division** – No vacancies
2. **DOT West End Intersection Reconstruction:** Work has been limited to utility work by Eversource Gas, Eversource Electric and Frontier for the last 2 weeks. Eversource Electric is scheduled to perform night work for starting 6/15/23 for 2 weeks. No/limited construction work has been performed by the DOT contractor Richards Corp. Richard Corp is scheduled to return to the site the beginning of July and will work on Park St followed by work to complete the new roadway interconnecting Park St & Divinity St. and work associated with reconstructing Divinity St (east end). Substantial work east of CT Route 69 (Wolcott St) is NOT anticipated prior to next spring. By winter, the Divinity/ Park interconnector St. will be complete and the eastern end of Divinity St/ Landry St will be a dead end. Through traffic east of Divinity St will be CLOSED per original design plan.
3. **Mellen Street Bridge Construction:** Contract awarded, notice to proceed issued. Based on schedule bridge will be closed during winter and will be completed in 2024. East St



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Bridge will be utilized as detour. Contractor is Arborio Construction Corp. for \$2,163,038.00.

4. **Warm Mix - Low VOC Bituminous Asphalt:** In response to anticipated environmental regulation the pavement industry has developed a warm asphalt mix (as opposed to currently used hot mix) which has low VOCs. Tilcon has contact DPW to see if they can install the warm mix on a City road as a trial. Tilcon has stated that a 5 year warrant will be provided. DPW has researched the proposed pavement and can verify its development & potential need to comply with environmental regulations. As a result, DPW does support a Tilcon trial period. Tilcon representative tentatively scheduled to attend BPW meeting to make brief presentation.
5. **Mem Blvd. Bridge:** Bridge dedication on 5/31/23. Stone cap and stone facing of columns still required/ongoing. Bridge scheduled to be completed 7/21/23.
6. **DPW Vehicles:** DPW frontend loader Volvo L70 (\$216,606) delivery has been delayed along with roadside mower (\$145,000). Front end loader is currently scheduled for delivery 6/24/23. Roadside mower delayed to Nov, 2023. DPW Fleet large/heavy vehicles size lift (64,000 lb. / 32 ft. long) is out to bid (Est \$140,000). DPW Fleet obtained a 2014 Ford Explorer 23,000 miles for the DPW Coordinator (\$5,400). The SUV appears to be in very good shape. DPW's screener is down, the crank filter housing is cracked and the part has on back order since March. DPW is investigating alternate suppliers and is renting a trommel (rotary screener) to process material/loam (\$5,000.00/month).
7. **Meadow St Parking Garage:** Erection of precast concrete sections started June 5, 2023. Project is on schedule to be completed the end of October shortly after City Hall.
8. **Hope Street Parking Garage:** City received approval from ZBA for setback distances (based on geometry of lot) and fenestration requirements (parking garage is open and does not have building treatment on entire exterior). Site plan and special use permits currently being submitted to the Zoning Commission with anticipated approval in August. Construction scheduled for 2024.
9. **Illegal Dumping Tires:** 20-25 tires were dumped at Page Park. DPW collected the tires for the Park Dept. This is the fifth time that tires have been dumping illegal in remote areas of the City. Police reports have been filed.
10. **North Main St Streetscape:** Engineering consulted (Benesh Eng.) advised DPW that completion of contract documents have been delayed 1 week. Scheduled to issue bid July 15 with construction starting in 2023 (completion in 2024).



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11. **Brace Ave Storm Drainage:** Design currently being delayed due to delays in field survey work. Project consultant is WMC. Anticipated construction start of August will be delayed to spring 2024.
12. **Jerome Ave Bridge:** CT DOT denied State Local Bridge program funding. DPW resubmitted application and anticipates (advised by DOT) that bridge funding will be approved based on condition.
13. **Forestville Fire House:** Architect contract executed. Current funding is \$6,500,000. Additional funding through State Bond Commission (\$3,200,000) pending (anticipate notice by June 30).
14. **Broad St Retaining Wall:** RFP issued for engineering design of retaining wall on north side of Broad St from WPC Pump Station to park. Project estimate is \$1,800,000. East bound lane of Broad Street will be closed during construction (2024) from Todd St to Central St.
15. **Carrier Development - Centre Square:** In accordance with sale agreement DPW removed the subsurface electrical chambers at the corner of Hope St & N. Main St. Reconstruction of curb cut and installation of a new curb cut into City surface lot on Hope St is scheduled along with a new curb cut south of McDonalds.

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