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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 8, 2021

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

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

RE: BPW July – Director’s Report

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Please find attached a summary report of the Department’s activity/issue/concerns for the July Board of Public Works’ meeting.

1. Emergency Response: DPW provided emergency operations during the July 6, 2021, thunderstorm. Storm arrived approx. 5:00 PM, resulting in roughly 30 trees down and 8 roads closed. DPW removed 20+/- downed trees with no wires, installed temporary stop signs at signalized intersections without power for the PD, and assisted Eversource with additional tree removal from 10:00 PM to 4:30 AM. Replacement trees have been ordered.
2. Mem Blvd retaining Wall: Construction started on 7/6/2021. One of the two west bound lanes will remain closed during construction (fall 2021). The project includes wall installation up to NAPA building, therefore, the building will be inspected and monitoring during construction. BOF approval is pending the 7/13/2021, approval of indemnification (hold harmless) associated with a NAPA building.
3. DPW Garage Salt Dome: Bid documents to re-roof and reconfigure entrance are complete, scheduled for bidding week of 7/11/21.
4. Mem Blvd Bridge: Construction started week of 6/21/21. East bound lane closed. West bound lane closure pending DOT approval (retiming Route 72 traffic signals to mitigate impact of Mem Blvd closure). DOT approval is currently causing delays. **As of this writing expediting DOT authorization is one of my highest priorities.** Obelisk fabrication



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and installation (\$677,000) is pending 7/13/21, City Council approval. Lighting and electric control system change orders are currently being negotiated.

5. Action Summary of July City Council below:
  - a. Lake Ave Culvert – State Grant \$1,200,000 (49.5% reimbursement) and authorization to execute environmental permits.
  - b. Divinity Street Culvert – Lotcip grant \$700,000 (100% reimbursement) and authorization to execute environmental permits
  - c. Wolcott Street Reconstruction – Lotcip grant \$2,200,000 (100% reimbursement) & authorization to execute environmental permits. Public information meeting scheduled for 9/20/21 (notice will be issued).
6. Fire Department: The engineering firm of Vans Zelm is currently evaluating Mix St. Fire House, AC-report expected in August. Forestville Fire House - PO to install AC currently being processed. Fire House HQ – Overhead doors operating without problems, repeated breakdowns of dish washer experienced (recently fixed under warranty-monitoring required), apparatus bay ventilation not working – vender repairs scheduled.
7. Solid Waste Barrel: Current contract expired, currently rebidding. Vender has notified DPW of barrel price increase \$47.25 to \$59.25 due to price increase of plastic resin.
8. DPW Tree Truck: Truck purchased in 2012 with grant is equipped with a 210 HP engine and hybrid transmission system (automatic). Truck is underpowered and has difficulty going up hills such as Woodland Street and Fern Hill Road. DPW currently investigating replacing hybrid transmission with manual and reprogramming engine to increase engine house power 100 HP to 310 HP. Tree truck passed July required inspection of boom/lift system.
9. Pequabuck River Conduit (West end to Mem Blvd): Project to remove debris & sediment 2,600 CY received Bristol Inland Wetland approval on July 7/7/21. Anticipate start date week of 7/11/21. Project includes acquisition of easement at Dollar General and repaving parking lot disturbed as part of project.



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10. Shrub Road Sidewalks: RFP to design sidewalks issued 7/6/21. DPW currently working with Purchasing Department to prepare/issue RFPs for DPW Asset Management System (Fleet & Building Maintenance), North Main Street Streetscape design and Re-mapping City official map of Inland Wetlands.
11. Barberry Drive/Woodmere Road Reconstruction: As part of construction DPW loam and seeded the pole border work was completed in June and hydro seeded. Due to the time of seeding the area has a high volume of weeds, which reflects poorly on DPW. We have consulted with local landscapers who advised DPW to cut the grass and reseed in the fall.
12. Parks Department: DPW installed the initial (first) course of asphalt at Birch Street Parking lot. The parking lot available for use, however, proposed installation of bathrooms is pending. Sanitary and water lateral installations will require trenching across a portion of the paved parking lot. Once bathroom laterals are installed the trench will be patched and second course of parking lot pavement installed. DPW is scheduled to pave the Mix Street pool facility parking lot in August.
13. Louisiana Ave Bridge opened June 22, 2021. Final support bracket installations for water main hanger is required prior to activating water main. The work is scheduled to be performed the week of 7/20/21.
14. Roadway Reclamation: As previously advised the State bid did not include reclamation work items. DPW received a bid waiver to procure Tilcon for reclaiming services associated with Bayberry & Woodmere. In order to reclaim roads scheduled for fall, DPW and Purchasing issued bid 7/8/21.
15. FEMA Isaias: DPW continues to work with FEMA to complete reimbursement (75%) documentation submittal.
16. DPW V.P. Kelly Road facility was used for Farms to Family food distribution on 07/1/21. The next event is scheduled for 07/15/21.
17. BETA Engineering is currently re-evaluating and rating City roads.



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18. DPW Peacedale Street Site: The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan draft is complete and scheduled for submittal to CT DEEP on 7/22/21. The plan requires annual DPW testing of storm water runoff.
  
19. Minor Road – The unaccepted portion, adjacent to Riches Ice Cream: The City is receiving payment from a solar farm developer to pave roadway (single lane). DPW is currently evaluating storm drainage and Inland Wetland permit requirements. Paving is scheduled for the fall. Repairs to the gravel road were performed, additional work scheduled for week of 7/11/21.
  
20. East St & Mellen St Bridges: A public information meeting is scheduled for 9/29/21.

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