



Council Meeting December 8, 2009

Primary talking points with Town Planner

Capital Improvements Plan: The FY 2010-2015 CIP is complete and ready for review by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. Town Planner is ready to commence briefing with the BoS and FC members during the week of December 14th.

2010 Congressional appropriations: In-person conversations with staff members of Congresswoman Chellie Pingree was held on October 19th. Communications established with Jackie Potter, Senior Policy Advisor; Erik Hansen, Military Legislative Assistant; and Heidi-Anne Loughlin, Staff Assistant. Strategic planning for grants and earmarks needs to become an immediate focus for any FY11 and FY12 projects.

West Road Reconstruction Project: Project budget closure is almost complete, pending a few more outstanding bills and some remaining tree cutting on West Road. Because of diligent project management and on-site cost saving project completion is very likely to be significantly under budget. Conversations with bond counsel will commence in late December relative to BMP for monies saved on Town bond.

Howe & Howe Technologies: Pine Tree (PT) Certification process and forms have been explained to the Howe Brothers. The Howe and Howe PT application is currently being reviewed by the State and will be approved in due course. Acquisition of former AGT building is scheduled for December 28, 2009. Close liaison has been established for any Town Hall assistance, as necessary.

Central York Country Transportation Study: Study back on track and the request for consultant proposals is in progress. The Town Planner will serve on the Consultant Selection Panel for the CYCCS. The final outcome of this study will play an important role in infrastructure funding and transportation planning for Route 202 and Route 109.

Meadowbrook Acres II: Amended sketch plan submitted by BH2M (Bill Thompson) showing a new cluster design with 13 lots. Application remains in conceptual stage with the Waterboro Planning Board.

Low Impact Development Seminar: On December 6th, I attended a LID design workshop in Portland with 160 other planners and engineers to review design standards in a charrette format. A scholarship donation was received from the Casco Bay Estuary partnership for my attendance. (A low impact development residential subdivision may be proposed for Waterboro in early 2010.)