

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

April 10, 2023

The Water Project on Clinton Street between Seavers Brook Road and Bridge Street has started. The most obvious sign that the work has begun has been the removal of the trees. These trees had been examined by an arborist and found to be diseased and in need of removal. The Water Project only determined the timeline for the removal, not the necessity. Initial work has gone well and the expectation is that the project will be completed by early fall.

I met with the Regional Commission, the engineer from TCE, and SRDC on the Toonerville Trail Extension. TCE has provided the detailed design of the project. I am still waiting on updated construction cost estimates. About ten minutes before the meeting, I received an email from the State notifying the Town that our request for a third grant for this project has been approved. Hopefully, this funding will allow the Town to proceed to the next step, which is the Act 250 process.

I also met with Otis Munroe from the Regional Commission, Stantec, and the State on both the Northern Gateway Scoping Grant and the Clinton Street Road Diet Scoping Grant. Both meetings were productive and I'm confident that the results of the scoping will provide the Town with good information as to how best to proceed with each project. Remember, both these projects were originated in the Main Street Master Plan.

I also met with the Planning Commission and discussed the current Strategic Plan and my hopes to update it in the near future.

I have signed the contract for the replacement of the first Eureka culvert. Due to lead times in obtaining culverts, I expect that this work won't begin until later in September.

As we come out of winter, there is lots going on in town. Currently, the Town has out Request for Bids for two trucks, landscape maintenance, and paving. In addition, the Town has a Request for Qualifications for on-call civil engineering services.

The Town is still looking for volunteers to serve as Library Trustees (2 positions). If anyone has any interest in becoming a Trustee, please contact either Library Director Sue Dowdell or me.