



Memorandum

10/7/2016

To: Town Council
Department Heads
Town Citizens

From: Graham Waters, Town Manager

Re: TM Report – Week of October 2 – October 8, 2016

The following is a report of events and projects that have taken place over the past week. Some of them involved town staff collaboration; other items listed are updates to the Council on ongoing Town matters. **Should Councilmembers or the citizens of Coventry have follow up inquiries regarding matters listed in this report, they may contact the Town Manager directly at gwaters@coventryri.org or by phone at (401) 821-6400.**

- The Staff Sewer Committee met on Tuesday October 4, to discuss the progress of the North Arnold Road expansion project.
- The Town Manager met with members of the Celebrate Coventry Committee to discuss plans for the upcoming Sleep Hollow event taking place on Saturday October 30th. Location and crowd control were discussed.
- The Town Manager will begin FY 2018 budget preparation in a couple of weeks. The Town Manager welcomes public input into projects or areas of need that should be addressed in the upcoming FY 2018 Town Budget.

Department of Public Works

- The Public Works crews were continuing the work on the Potter Road drainage project
- The Department completed the street sweeping of sand throughout the Town, streets in western Coventry were swept for the first time in decades, all done with the new sweeper. The sweeper will be back in late Fall for leaf cleanup
- Crews worked on pothole repair, asphalt berm replacement, brush cutting and road grading
- Crews were also rebuilding catch basins in western Coventry
- Crews cleaned catch basin grates during the rain on Monday of debris
- DPW worked with Parks & Recreation to haul loam from one of their parks to the Wood Street Little League field expansion project
- The pavement marking program began this week with the re-stripping of stop bars, crosswalks, traffic stencils and traffic arrows
- The asphalt pavement project also began this week with the paving of a portion of Twin Brook Lane
- The DPW Director with the Traffic Committee to review traffic issues throughout Town. Per recommendations of the Traffic Committee, (3) three 3-way stop intersections were installed on Station Street and Gervais Street
- The DPW Director with the Interlocal Trust and the Safety Committee to discuss safety and security issues throughout the municipal buildings
- The DPW Director with the Planning Director and Public Works General Foreman to review and visit the proposed Industrial Drive storm drainage project

Department of Parks and Recreation

Programs

Initial planning for winter activities has begun (Halloween Party, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Preschool Holiday Party, Festival of Trees & Family Bingo).

Maintenance

Candidates for the full-time, permanent, maintenance worker position have been chosen. Interviews will be conducted next week on 10/11.

Teen Center

The Teen Center opened on 10/4. A meeting has been set, in two weeks, with Cathy Pendola and Pat Shurtleff to talk with the Center's staff about positive youth development, how to create a respectful atmosphere, how to recognize signs of neglect, and so on.

Library Tot Lot

Ground material, 12 inches below grade, was hauled from the site. Concrete footings will be put in next week. playground is expected to start within the next couple of weeks.

Department of Planning

- **Coventry Solar:**

Deep Water Wind, LLC is proposing to construct a 20+ acre 3.75 MW Major Solar Installation on a 40+ acre site adjacent to Hopkins Hollow Road. The land is currently owned by the Camp Greene Association. The camp has not been utilized for many years. The applicant will need to secure approvals from both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Review. A 3.75 MW solar facility would typically provide energy for approximately 500 houses. A Pre-Application Review hearing was conducted on June 22nd; on June 29th the Planning Commission conducted a site inspection of the premises; and on July 27th there was a continuation of the Pre-Application Review Process. The applicant has filed a Petition for Master Plan approval which was heard in part on September 28, 2016. The applicant has proposed a re-arrangement in the location of the solar panels. Certain of the Planning Commission members recommended that the panel array be more centrally located on the property so as to be less intrusive on the neighbors. The matter was scheduled for further hearing on October 26th.

- **Heritage Estates:**

The proposed 25-Lot Major Residential Subdivision (located to the rear of Stonegate Estates) has previously received Master Plan & Preliminary Plan approval. Due to the national recession, the State tolled all approved developments until July 1, 2017. The developer has indicated a desire to proceed at this time with the project. The matter was heard before the Planning Commission at its September 28th meeting at which time the Commission granted Final Plan approval to a 25 lot residential subdivision.

- **Tony's Clam Shack:**

A seasonal seafood restaurant, similar to Warwick's Rocky Point Chowder House, is being proposed to be located at the intersection of Route 3 and Reservoir Road. The matter was heard by the Planning Commission on Pre-Application Review on September 28, 2016. We are awaiting further plans from the developer.

- **Crompton Meadows**

The developer proposes to construct 156 4-unit duplexes adjacent to Crompton Road. 25% of the units will be low & moderate income housing. Ingress/egress will be from East Greenwich. The matter was heard on Pre-Application Review by the Planning Commission on September 28th. It is scheduled for further review on October 26, 2016.

- **Dr. Eric George**
The owner's representative and engineer met with the Planning Department and intends to expand his dental operation on Sandy Bottom Road. The matter will likely be heard before the Planning Commission in November or December, 2016.
- **Abandonment of unimproved portions of Carr Street & Lambert Street**
On September 28th the Planning Commission recommended abandonment of unimproved portions of Carr Street & Lambert Street to the Town Council. If approved by the Town Council the matter would be remanded to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Review. The developer seeks to construct two (2) dwelling houses in the vicinity of South Main Street.
- **Drainage improvements on Industrial Drive**
The Town has received expedited approvals on Wetlands Alteration Permits from RIDEM for the proposed drainage improvements (funded by CDBG & FEMA) on Industrial Drive.