

Municipal Corner – Updates

Wow, what a 4th of July in Stowe! Thanks to all that made the day a success - Stowe Vibrancy, Stowe Parks & Recreation, Stowe Police, the merchants, parade participants – and of course all of our residents and visitors.

Here's an update on infrastructure goings on. Any major disruptions caused by the Bridge Street Bridge project should be winding down by the end of July – a bit ahead of schedule. The milling and paving work is tentatively scheduled to occur on 7/20 thru 7/23 - take alternative routes if possible. The stop signs on Weeks Hill Road at its intersection with Mayo Farm Road will be removed on 7/24 and the traffic lights at West Hill / Rt. 100 Intersection about the same time.

Here are the projects that are on deck.

- Luce Hill Road: Repaving is tentatively scheduled for August.
- Gables Bridge: The Town is in the process of relocating the water main off from the Gables Bridge so the State can install a temporary bridge this fall in anticipation of its replacement next year.
- Stowe Recreation Path and related stream bank erosion work: The Town received a half million dollar grant to help repair the stream bank erosion and damage to the Stowe Recreation Path that occurred from the heavy rains two summers ago. This fall we will begin Phase 1 work which involves widening the channel to create more flood plain storage and armoring the bank around Rec Path Bridge #7 in order to protect it. Phase 2 is the permitting phase and will involve a plan to relocate a section of the Rec Path farther away from the stream to protect it from further damage. The Town is working towards implementing the Phase 2 plan during the construction season of 2016 – and of course working towards minimizing disruption to the Path during construction.
- Village Lot Staircase: The Town has awarded the contract to build the staircase connecting the Rec Path Parking Lot to Main Street and work has commenced.
- South Main Street Sidewalks and related Lower Village Roadwork: Public Works is working closely with the State to design and coordinate the construction of the S. Main Street Sidewalk in tandem with the repaving of Rt. 100. The work is tentatively scheduled for 2016.

Tied to the Rt. 100 paving project is discussion of improvements to the Rt. 100 / Moscow Road Intersection. The State has indicated they would like to begin work in 2016 and stay within the right-of-way in order to achieve this time frame. They are willing to install turning lanes and are assessing if a traffic light would fit within the existing right-of-way. The Selectboard has also asked the State to provide a conceptual layout of a roundabout. The next meeting on this topic is tentatively scheduled for the August 10th Selectboard meeting.

Finally, please remember to take the park and ride survey to gauge the public's interest in a park and ride lot in Stowe. You can find it on our municipal web site www.townofstovevt.org. All people who live in, pass through, or visit Stowe are encouraged to complete the survey and let us know your thoughts.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance (csafford@townofstovevermont.org or 253-6868).