

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

May 2015

Revenue

Nothing to report.

Beautification

Holden Engineering's contract has been reviewed with the town attorney and signed. Peter Holden will meet with Economic Development on May 6 to review preliminary engineering designs and discuss the remaining schedule.

Events

Nothing to report.

Marketing

To date we have received 4 applications for the \$3,000 film video grant pilot program. The submission period is April 15, 2015 – May 15, 2015. There was an announcement made at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention pertaining to the Dover grant. The convention was held in Las Vegas in early April.

BMW has given us their reimbursement for expenses incurred during the commercial shooting. We have received a preliminary version of the forthcoming BMW commercial. We are awaiting approval from BMW prior to releasing it on our website and social media.

The bench has been received for the donation by Robert Shea in memory of his parents, Jack and Enid Shea. The bench will be placed along Route 100 near the bridge that crosses the Deerfield River on the Valley Trail. We are waiting for the plaque to arrive.

DASP

FY '14 – '15

To date 17 applicants have applied for \$23,253.92 of the \$24,000 in DASP funding. To date we paid \$13,387.05 in rebate amounts.

Do-It

FY '14 – '15

16 businesses have applied for and received Do-It funding. The program is now committed for \$38,500 and is closed for this fiscal year. To date, we have paid out \$16,926.65 in Do-It funding and have a balance of \$24,000 remaining for FY 2014-2015.

Bi-Town

A meeting was held to discuss details for a valley marketing program as part of the Bi-Town Committee. Attendees were Sharon Cunningham, Gretchen Havreluk, Mike Chase, Pat Weisbrich and Ken Black. Details were discussed and a project description will be created and passed around for comments.

Telecommunications

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In an effort to continue to increase available Internet bandwidth for our residents and visitors, we are evaluating how we can increase service to 100 Mbps down/up. We are evaluating where fiber exists and what size it is. An initial map of service areas to receive increased bandwidth will be developed. Also to be evaluated is gigabit level service.

Now that the snow is gone, Justin McCoart was contacted to install the repeater on the Dover Town Hall. No date has been set yet.

Website

Nothing new to report

Trails

Dover/Wilmington Trail:

We have received the additional trail maps and will distribute them as needed.

Valley Trail A:

Final plans for Trail A have been submitted to Vtrans. This occurred 1 week later than predicted due to engineering workloads. The following steps are still needed. All durations are approximate and likely to be longer based on past experience. All tasks are done serially, except where noted. Any questions and/or changes to the final plan would then need to be addressed by the engineer and resubmitted for approval. This cycle is typically shorter.

Task	Duration (business days)	Responsibility	Notes
Issuance of a 1111 permit	5 days	Vtrans	Done concurrently with Final Plan approval
Issuance of a Right of Way Certificate	5 days	Vtrans	Done concurrently with Final Plan approval
Final Plan approval	21 days	Vtrans	
Utility Clearance	5 days	GMP/Fairpoint	
Contractor Plans Development & Approval	21 days	Lamoureux & Dickinson/Vtrans	Contractor Plans completed and sent to Vtrans but not approved. Can occur simultaneously with final plan approval
Contractor Advertising	21 days	Vtrans/Economic Development	
Resident Engineer Advertising & Selection	21 days	Economic Development/Vtrans	Can occur simultaneously with contractor advertising

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Construction Award	21 days	L&D, Vtrans, Economic Development, Dover Selectboard	Includes review of bids and presentation to Dover Selectboard
Construction	TBD	TBD	

To date we have spent \$99,260.30 of the \$118,208 engineering study. This leaves \$18,947.70 remaining on the engineering contract.

The current plan includes installation of conduit for street lights. We should use the same dark sky compliant LED lights as used at the Dover Park. There are 21 lights needed and the cost for this is approximately \$86,000 plus installation and accessories. I will attempt to estimate the increased electrical consumption from our experience at the park.

We have met with Jane Brown, Vtrans' Landscape Architect, Rob Faley, District Transportation Administrator and Chris Taft from District 1 Operations in Bennington. Construction elements and regulations concerning the final plan were discussed as well landscape possibilities both within and outside the state right of way. Rob Faley will be one of the individuals reviewing and approving the final plan. Jane Brown offered to develop a plan for shrubs and trees within the state right of way along the Trail "A" corridor. She also indicated that she would return to discuss landscape plans during the other trail sections.

The current cost estimate for the project, without any appraisals, payments to property owners or street lights, is listed below. Roger has developed an updated cost estimate and is also reflected below.

Valley Trail A Minus: Dorr Fitch to Tollgate Village and Valley Trail B Plus: Mountain Park Plaza to Stugger Rd:

We have just received the countersigned grant agreements from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS). We have prepared the RFP for the scoping study on B+ and anticipate that the study will occur during the summer, 2015. Ads have been placed and we have already had several interested engineering firms.

Roger Dickinson has completed half of the engineering design for trail A-. He still must include the bridge design. His work to complete the project is not covered under the grant application. This is because we would need to rebid the work which would take an inordinate amount of time. We are waiting for Roger to develop a budget for the costs involved with finishing the design work on A-. Construction on this phase could take place in 2016.

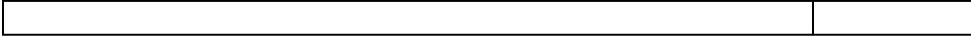
Trails P&L

Item	Cost
Trail A	
Revenue	

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Trail "A" Account	\$415,289.58
Federal Grant	\$300,000.00
Sub Total	\$715,289.58
<u>Expense</u>	
Current Construction Estimate	\$402,489.96
State Suggested Contingency	\$40,249.00
Resident Engineer	\$80,497.99
Remaining L&D Engineering	\$18,947.70
Street Lights (21)	\$86,473.80
Electrical Accessories (Wire, Conduit, etc)	\$24,477.40
Electrical Installation (Est)	\$2,000.00
Easement Costs	\$10,330.00
Sub Total	\$665,465.85
<u>Net Revenue/Expense Total</u>	\$49,823.73
Trail A- (Tollgate Village to Dorr Fitch Rd)	
<u>Revenue</u>	
Trail "A-" Account (Local Portion)	\$32,500.00
Federal Grant Portion	\$263,510.00
State Grant Portion	\$28,990.00
Sub Total	\$325,000.00
<u>Expense</u>	
L&D Engineering	N/A
Bridge over Deerfield River	N/A
Resident Engineer	N/A
Construction	N/A
Street Lights	N/A
Sub Total	N/A
<u>Net Revenue/Expense Total</u>	\$335,000.00
Trail B+ Scoping Study (Mountain Park Plaza to West Dover Fire House)	
<u>Revenue</u>	
Trail B+ Account (Local Portion)	\$3,300.00
Federal Grant Portion	\$26,756.00
State Grant Portion	\$2,944.00
Sub Total	\$33,000.00
<u>Expense</u>	
Engineering Study	N/A
<u>Net Revenue/Expense Total</u>	\$33,000.00

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Venue

One of the street lights at the park sustained a problem during the winter. The metal roof that is sealed to the polycarbonate globe became dislodged so that water entered the globe. Sternberg Lighting asked us to send them the light and they would evaluate it. They have indicated that they would repair it and return the light to us, free of charge. They refuse to pay for shipping to their facility. That cost is approximately \$300. We are continuing to have discussions regarding this issue. Given the poor customer support, we should consider purchasing the lights along Route 100 from another vendor.

We have identified the bands for the 8 concerts this summer at the Dover Park. They include:

- Miles Band (Popular – Rock) July 5
- The Equalites (Reggae) July 12
- The Lonesome Brothers (American Rock) July 19
- Patty Carpenter and the Dysfunctional Family Jazz Band (Jazz) July 26
- Stockwell Brothers (Bluegrass) August 2
- Slippery Sneakers (Zydeco) August 9
- American Pop (Popular – Rock) August 16
- The Nines (Popular – Rock) August 23

We are developing promotional posters for the concerts and associated advertisements.

The swings will be installed at the Dover Park during the week of April 20. It will take approximately 2 days for installation.

Financial

Full statements are included under separate cover.