

**TOWN OF HAMPTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**Agenda (Summary) with Questions and Answers
High Street Improvements Project**

June 28, 2023: 6:00 – 7:00 pm at the Recreation Building

I. Project Introduction

The proposed project will replace the aging sewer and drainage infrastructure from just about Route 1 to Ocean Boulevard along High Street. Over the past few years, we have worked closely with our engineers to staff to inspect the condition of the infrastructure and develop a plan for replacement.

While many people here can't wait to get the road paved, we are here to tell you it is coming. We just need to do a little utility work first. There is over 10,500 feet of pipe being replaced and that doesn't include sewer and drainage manhole structures or catch basins. Once this work is complete there will be some sidewalk and curbing work and the roadway will be paved.

II. Team Introduction

- a. Town of Hampton: Jennifer Hale, DPW Director, Joe Lynch, DPW Deputy Director, Hwy Foreman, Chris McGinnis and Sewer and Drain Foreman, Tobey Spainhower
- b. Hoyle Tanner Associates: Heidi Marshall, Associate – Senior Municipal Engineer and Marisa Dibiaso, Vice President - Senior Civil Engineer
- c. N.Granese and Sons: Steven Granese and Brian Granese, Owners

III. Schedule

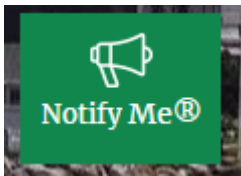
The contracts are in place and pre-mobilization work is already ongoing (shop drawings, pre-construction video, dig safe, etc.) We have a scheduled pre-construction meeting with our staff, fire, police, the utility companies, school districts, bus company and of course the contractor and the engineers for kick off the week of July 10th. From there, the contractor will start running utility crews and work will we get it done. It is expected that work will continue into November – cease for winter – then final completion and paving will be late spring of 2024.

IV. Traffic

There will be message boards placed at the High Street Lot, Around the intersection of Five Corners and at the High Street East Pump Station. These board will be used to provide a heads up of “major changes”. We cannot stress enough that the best bet is to use alternate routes in a respectful and law-abiding way. While many of you live on this roadway it won’t all be under construction at the same time. You will have access to your homes/businesses and driveway. However, there may be and will likely be a delay. When working across your property there will be traffic details, whether police offices or flaggers that will assist you in getting in and out of your properties safely. Again, please leave extra time as if a large piece of equipment needs to be moved it is not as easy as just “moving it”. There could be a trench or piping or other materials nearby. Also, if your driveway or access is shut for a period of time we will get in touch with the owner.

V. Project Notifications and Contacts




















- a. Email and Phone Numbers – The email and phone numbers provided tonight on the sign in sheet will be used for specific and case by case needs for individual contact.
- b. **Notify ME/Town Website – The Town has a system in which you can sign up for text or email alerts and news updates from each of the Town’s Departments. The DPW will**



be using the Town Website and this Notify Me System for all our notifications. We will provide project updates, unfortunate (but could happen) delays, or other project specific news on these platforms. Anything we post to the website will automatically be sent through Notify me if you are signed up!



▼ News Flash

METHOD	LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION
 	Conservation	
 	Department of Public Works 	
 	Fire Department	
 	Parks & Recreation	
 	Planning	
 	Police	
 	Town of Hampton Alerts 	Subscribe to stay informed about Alerts such as Road Closures, Weather Events, Office Closures, Parking information, Trash and Recycling updates, etc.
 	Town of Hampton News 	Please subscribe to receive updates and notifications on current news

- c. Channel 22 – We will be posting relevant updates to channel 22 as well. However, these postings tend to be more condensed and not include all the details due to the size limitations.

- d. Questions during construction should be to the DPW. The Director's email is on the Departments webpage and is jhale@hamptonnh.gov. However, please feel free to call our main number at 603-926-3202 if you need immediate attention. As a reminder this is one project out of all that goes on at DPW so we will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can. If something is urgent, please let us know.

VI. Q&A

There were numerous questions raised the night of the meeting. Below is a summary of those questions. If you have specific questions, please email or call DPW.

Can we get a timeframe overview of where construction will happen?

Right now, we are planning to start at Lafayette and work toward the beach and then in the middle. Will move in a linear fashion, each section may be done more than once, meaning that just because they may come through with sewer main, they could come back with drainage then again across the property with sidewalk. The DPW will post a general 2-week outlook.

Can you talk about improvements that will happen at Mill and High Street?

The Warrant article for Mill and High Street is incorporated into this project. It includes pedestrian improvements. Currently there is no push button at the crossing and steep grades - so the intersection will be re-worked to fix those things. All roadway crossings along High Street will also have ADA accessibility and crosswalks painted.

16 Presidential Circle: Concerned about the delay from when the warrant article was approved? What were the obstacles that slowed things down?

March meeting in 2022 the article was approved. From there it went into final design, permits and bid. There was 11,000 ft of pipe work that was designed and detailed. A 75-page detailed plan set was prepared by HTA.

Didn't you order pipe a year ago?

Back in October pipe was out almost 6 months; Pipe is being delivered as we speak. The pipe was delivered yesterday with more pipe expected this week.

Is roadway width increasing?

No. It will be the same roadway.

Are you Replacing sewer entire length?

No, only from Lafayette to Locke Road. Locke Road to the east was redone in 1987 which is considered new"er" construction for sewer.

Is there a Made in the USA clause for this project?

No there is not. As we were not required to, based on the funding sources, we did not include it for this project.

Work hours?

Work will be done per our ordinance, which allows work 7am to 7pm Monday-Friday. The contractor’s intent is to work 7 am to 3 pm but could be later to extend to 5 pm, 5 days per week.

Will the north side sidewalk that ends at Tobey be extended?

Yes. New sidewalk will extend from Tobey to five corners.

Will the Ocean Blvd intersection at High change?

No. This is not part of the project. However, if you are interested in the proposed changes that are being incorporated in the State’s project at this intersection you can find them on NHDOT’s website. [Hampton 40797 | Project Specific Information | Project Center | NH Department of Transportation](#)

We lived through water pipes being replaced and understand that this is complicated. Will anything that is torn up, like front lawns and driveways be repaired at the end of the project? A lot of lawns were not fixed during water project. They loamed and made it level but it was a mess near 5 corners closer to beach. There were issues with buses parking on the newly loamed area.

Yes, we will be replacing anything that is disturbed. However, it will be at the end of the project. For example, if we go through 3 three times it doesn’t get repaired until the end. The Town will look into what we can do to avoid buses, mail delivery and other services from parking in newly repaired areas.

The condition of High Street is unique. Right now the bumps (potholes) are good to slow traffic. However, people are trying to avoid the bumps and crossing over the yellow lines creating a potential for an accident. What will happen once it is paved? Will there be new signage or other changes and is there a way to keep people off the sidewalks that are on bikes because they think the road is unsafe(?)

The roadway will be repaved as part of the project. There is no intention to add any speed bumps or trays for this road- as they are not meant for this type of road. As to people properly using the sidewalks hopefully the new paved road won’t be unsafe and they will use it instead of the sidewalks. We will be maintaining pot holes as we go through in areas where there is minimal construction. For areas where there are trenched, the contractor will be monitoring them and will be placing temporary pavement weekly on Fridays. A reminder that temporary pavement is just that – temporary and it is not perfect or the final treatment.

Is there going to be extra signage or flashing lights for those that constantly speed on the road?

We can look into additional signage such as the flashing lights and speeds signs. We will talk to the Police Department and see what they also would recommend.

There are so many accidents at 5 corners. Why no light?

Changes to this intersection have been placed on the warrant and denied. A five- way intersection is difficult for a “light” set up. A roundabout was conceptually designed, however, due to space limitations it could require land takings to build – and this is very difficult.

Given the amount of motorcycle traffic, on nicer days, will there specific information or warning for motorcyclists?

Granese will have motorcycle-specific warning signs. They will pave on Fridays to make weekend traffic smoother.

The existing Pot hole filler doesn't work. Anything that is better for potholes would be better.

Temporary pothole repair is done with cold patch that is what you are seeing that is coming right back out of the holes during storms and once it is consistently driven over. The DPW comes back and makes final repairs with Asphalt. We will do our best to get the temporary repairs fixed prior to construction including the surrounding area to make sure we are buttoned up.

There are big tree roots are lifting up sidewalks at Hobbs and Simonds (214 High and 220 High). Will that sidewalk be replaced?

Yes, there will be new sidewalk and the roots looked at to see if it will be a problem in the future.

Can you find pavement that minimizes banging of truck and trailers such as landscaping trailers?

Unfortunately no. The pavement will be standard NHDOT pavement.

What will be used to protect wetlands?

We will use silt fence. The project is generally roadway work, and we will protect wetlands if out digging. We do have one wetland permit (culvert maintenance) and the conditions of approval will be followed. The limit of the project is Mill Pond Lane so the marsh are will not be impacted.

There is extreme speed from "Racers" - like 90 mph. It's not the regular traffic. Can anything be done?

It is understandable why there is concern. While not part of this project's intent, the Town Manager will work with the Police to see what can be done to get the necessary tools to collect the data and work on a long-term plan for speeding throughout the Town.

Will water be available for emergency services? How quickly will water be restored?

Ideally, there is no water work as part of this project. No guarantee, but we are crossing water pipes and water services. Hoping not to hit but if water goes out, you will hear from the Town, we will call Aquarion, and get repair made as fast as possible.

How far down toward the beach does the project go?

Mill Pond Lane.

Is there wtil going to be flooding by condos near Ocean Blvd?

Yes, this area is not part of the project. But part of other projects that Town is working on related to the flood studies and solutions.

For the water-sewer separation - will there be concrete encasement?

No. The sewer design was approved by NHDES. We are using C900 brute pipe with 18" of separation.

Is there a day when the work was supposed to start? Weekend after the Fourth of July?

The Town's preconstruction meeting is July 11th. The contractor is working behind the scenes getting ready to purchase supplies and mobilize. **It is expected that they will be digging the week of the 17th.**

When we replace the sewer line, we will be impacting the connections to homes? Will there be downtime?

There shouldn't be. Perhaps, minimal interruptions. Service lines will be replaced to property line and done so live.

You mentioned that the required completion date is July 31, 2024. Are there liquidated damages?

Yes, there are liquidated damages. However, the schedule can be extended for rightful reasons. Also liquidated damages are generally used for the costs associated with the extended work.

Will you lay the main and then do the tie ins?

We will tie in as we go. Service laterals will be tied in separately.