



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: SELECT BOARD
From: JOSEPH LAYDON, TOWN MANAGER
Subject: TOWN MANAGER REPORT FOR AUGUST 6, 2024
Date: AUGUST 6, 2024

The following is the Town Manager's Report for the August 6, 2024 Select Board Meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

DPW Paving Schedule – The DPW Director has released the list of streets that will be paved in the upcoming paving season. Work has started on Pleasant Street from the Northbridge Town Line to Maple Ave. Work is anticipated to be completed next week. Other roads such as Mendon Street, Fowler Street, Taft Street and Chestnut Street will be paved. Attached is the full list of streets to be paved.

Rt. 140/ Milford Road Culvert Public Hearing – MassDOT is holding a virtual public hearing on August 28th for the replacement of a culvert under 140. Information will be published on the Town's website and is available on the State's Project page at <https://www.mass.gov/event/upton-replacement-of-route-140-milford-street-culvert-over-the-unnamed-tributary-to-center-brook-08-28-2024>

Rt 140 Resurfacing Project – The State will be resurfacing Rt. 140 as follows: Route 140 Upton/Hopedale town line, mile marker 59.45, and extends to mile marker 61.72, ending before the Elm Street intersection. The project excludes downtown Upton then resumes at Williams Street in Upton at mile marker 63.30. It then extends into Grafton ending before the Grafton train track near the public library at mile marker 67.3. Project has received a “Notice to Proceed” and work will begin Summer 2024.

MBTA Communities - The Planning Board is holding a MBTA Communities Public Outreach Meeting on Monday, August 12th at 7:00 PM at the Upton Community Center . The Planning Board/ Town Planner have created a MBTA Page at: <https://www.uptonma.gov/257/MBTA-Communities---MGL-40a-Sec-3a>

Affordable Housing – The Trust is still evaluating the Habitat for Humanity Proposal for 28 Hartford Ave North.

Upton Apartments/ 40B at 45-51 Main Street –The ZBA has scheduled a meeting on August 21, 2024 to review the draft decision for the Upton Apartments 40B.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Town Clerk – The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at Nipmuc High School.

Elder and Social Services – The Senior Van is seeing increased use transporting residents to the Community Center. August 21st is National Senior Citizens Day. Senator Ryan Fattman will be holding office hours at the community center the first Wednesday of each month starting in September. The Council on Aging will be holding its first meeting since the appointment of three members on Monday, August 19th.

Treasurer's Office – Sewer bills are being mailed out this week and will be due September 12, 2024. The Treasurer's Office will have reduced hours next week to allow for the Staff to attend annual training sessions.

Recreation – Town Take-Over at WooSox - Wednesday, August 28th will be the Grafton, Upton, & Mendon Takeover of Polar Park! Visit the following link to access tickets: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/toledo-mud-hens-khs45q5-a6399c2>

Library - Read Around the Town - As part of the Library's Read Around The Town summer storybook program, I participated as a guest reader this morning and then talked about Town Hall and the Town. Ages are primarily 3- to 5-year-olds. The program started the summer back in June and visited the Library, Police Station, Fire Station, Memorial School, DPW, and finishes up next week at the Community Center with Senior Center Staff in the Great Room.

Town Manager - Monthly Coffee with the Town Manager - Last Friday I held my third monthly Coffee with the Town Manager at the Community Center. Starting in September I'll be bringing guests to talk about specific topics. Director of Land Use and Inspectional Services Mike Antonellis will be the first to join me in September.

Thank you.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Joseph Laydon, Town Manager

From: Dennis Westgate, Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Westgate".

Re: Upcoming Paving Projects

cc: Board of Selectmen

Date: July 10, 2024

As we prepare for this year's paving projects, we have prepared a list of streets that will be on our immediate radar for improvements. These streets were chosen based on Upton's Pavement Management Program and in conjunction with our asbestos containing pipe removal and sewer infrastructure projects. The goal of the DPW is to manage all infrastructure repairs in sequence and avoid the need to reopen a newly paved road.

Pleasant Street – From Maple to the town line at a cost of approximately \$300k.

Pleasant Street – From Mendon St to Rt. 140 at a cost of approximately \$100k.

Mendon St – From Pleasant St to Grove St at a cost of approximately \$132k.

Fowler St – From Mechanic St to Mechanic St at a cost of approximately \$100k.

Fowler St – From Mechanic to Old Grafton Rd at a cost of approximately \$50k.

Taft St – From Elm St to East St at a cost of approximately \$111k.

Orchard St – From Mechanic St to Grafton Rd at a cost of approximately \$105k.

Chestnut St – From School St to South St at a cost of approximately \$115k.

Stoddard St – From School St to High St for a cost of approximately 12k.

Maple St – From N. Main St to School St at a cost of approximately \$12k.

There is AC water main in the section of Pleasant St from Mendon to Rt. 140. Unfortunately, we are not in the position to remove it prior to the complete failure of this roadway and that is why we are proposing a mill and overlay. Maple St also has a short section of AC pipe and it is our goal to get it removed prior to paving. The remaining streets have Ductile Iron or no water infrastructure. The sewer infrastructure that exists on any of these roadways is in satisfactory condition. We anticipate paving to begin the end of July/beginning of August with Pleasant St being the priority.

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