

## **Major Town Projects on the Horizon**

### **Community Development (CD18-01) – Souhegan River Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Project - \$745,000**

This project request is to support the construction of a new 200 linear foot pedestrian bridge over the Souhegan River from 135 Elm Street to 34 North River Road and construction of a 1,400 linear foot non-vehicular path/trail connecting to the adjacent Keyes Memorial Park and Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA) fields. The project also includes the construction of a 25 linear foot pedestrian footbridge across a drainage swale between 127 Elm Street and 135 Elm Street.

### **Community Development (CD11-02) – Osgood/Armory/Mason/Melendy Roads – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements - \$800,000**

This project is for approximately 4,000 linear feet a combination of a new five-foot (5') wide, bituminous asphalt sidewalk with vertical granite curbing, a dedicated multi-purpose striped lane, and pedestrian walkway, to include, but not limited to associated drainage improvements, crosswalk markings, and repaving, along Osgood Road, Mason Road, Melendy Road, and Armory Road. The pedestrian improvement project would begin at the intersection of West Street and Osgood Road, continue along Osgood Road past Adams Field, Osgood Pond, and Hazel Adams Burns Park, the intersection of Mason Road to the intersection of Osgood Road, Melendy Road, and Armory Road. The pedestrian improvement would continue along Armory Road past Leisure Acres Mobile Home Park and National Guard Armory to its intersection with the Granite Town Rail-Trail. These roadway sections are heavily traveled by motorized vehicles and non-motorized modes of transportation (e.g., pedestrians and cyclists). They would include a walking route from a high-density mobile home park to the High and Middle Schools.

### **Community Development (CD10-03) – Nashua Street Sidewalk Improvements - \$900,000**

This project request is for the construction of approximately 3,500 linear feet of new five-foot (5') wide, bituminous asphalt sidewalk, to include, but not limited to, vertical granite curbing, associated drainage improvements, crosswalk markings, and repaving along the southerly and northerly sides of Nashua Street (NH Route 101A) in an easterly direction from 486 Nashua Street (near Cahill Place, Map 32, Lot 4-C) to 586 Nashua Street (near Lorden Plaza, Map 44, Lot 6) and the existing sidewalk network at the corner of Capron Road and Nashua Street. The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian connectivity to the existing Town sidewalk networks and relieve traffic congestion within the high-traffic / high-density Nashua Street corridor.

### **Fire – West End Fire Station**

This project has been included in previous 6-year capital improvement plans in anticipation of population growth and commercial/industrial development in the westerly portion of Milford, as it will be necessary to meet national response time and distance standards. Current Fire Department planning includes improvements to the Downtown Station to meet the Town's needs for the next 30 years. However, with the planned development of the West Milford Commerce and Community District over the next 5-20 years a West End Station may be needed.

## **Public Works – Highway – Bridges Out Years**

Based upon information from the NHDOT Bridge Bureau it is anticipated that there will be 80% project funding available from the State beginning in 2023. The Town will be required to provide 20% matching funds. Bridge replacement, repairs and maintenance identified in the 2014 Town-wide Bridge Review study that were not a critical priority during 2023-2028 will be reviewed and included as necessary during the 2026-2028 time period.

## **Public Works – Solid Waste – Solid Waste Management Improvements/Transfer Station Upgrades**

In 2009, a serious review of the Town's solid waste management system was undertaken that analyzed implementation of curbside pick-up, single-stream recycling, and costs associated with improvements to the current Transfer Station site on North River Road. In the summer of 2011, the Board of Selectmen reactivated the Town Recycling Committee to formulate recommendations on how to enhance recycling efforts and solid waste management. No project request or presentation was provided to the Advisory Committee this year.

## **Public Works – Recreation – 127 Elm Street/Keyes Memorial Park Improvements**

The Town acquired the 127 Elm Street Property in 2015. The property consists of the 34,000 square foot former industrial Permattech building and approximately 5.8 acres of land. To the east, this the land abuts the well-established Keyes Memorial Park. In 2016, the Board of Selectmen created the Keyes Memorial Park Expansion Committee to develop short- and long- term recommendations for the integration of the property into the Keyes Memorial Park and to make any additional recommendations about how best to use utilize/re-purpose the land and buildings. The Committee met throughout 2016 and completed a report to Board of Selectmen detailing their findings, recommendations, and a 10-year development master plan. The Board of Selectmen formally accepted the report in Mid-2017 and consideration given to the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission lead the efforts to effectuate the strategic plan. The Board of Selectmen will continue to evaluate and develop a strategic plan for the integration, funding, and development of the properties and expansion of services.

## **Public Works – Recreation Brox Community Lands - Recreation Fields**

This project request is for the development of the first phase of a recreation complex on the 'community lands' portion of the Town- owned Brox Property to meet continued and growing usage on limited existing Town playing fields. A Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA) 2013 Field Use Needs Analysis documented and verified that a shortage of fields exists and there is extreme demand created by the schools, youth athletic programs, and community needs.

Since the initial studies and reports on future uses that could be accommodated on the Brox Property, dating from the late 1990s, governing bodies and citizens groups have envisioned the development of new recreational facilities on the community lands. In 2005, the Town commissioned the development of the Brox Community Lands Conceptual Master Plan, a conceptual master land use that designated acreages to accommodate Town facility requirements for the next 20-25 years. In 2014, this plan was updated by an ad-hoc advisory committee and adopted for planning purposes by the Planning Board and other groups. Approximately 25-30 acres are designated for future recreational development based on the 2014 update.

In March 2016, the Town approved a Warrant Article 23 authorizing the Board of Selectmen to reclaim, sell material, and restore approximately 43 acres of the Brox Community Lands. The project reclamation and restoration project will take approximately five (5) years to complete. Field needs will continue to be evaluated by stakeholders.