The Notice to Proceed was issued to Colonna Concrete to start project tasks Monday April 20th with contract obligation to demonstrate substantial construction completion by August 8th.

During the first week of the project, April 20th, several required “soft tasks” were completed including: insurance policies compliance, coordination with Fire Chief and Resident State Trooper, arranging materials storage area at Chester Fairgrounds, preparing void spaces between Villager and River Tavern for sidewalk support fill, complying with Call Before You Dig (CBYD) mark outs, site survey and the submittals of construction materials for approval by the Town’s engineer Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates.

The submittal process for phase one at Maple and Main area is underway BUT two essential products, granite curbing and catch basin tops, will take longer for contractor’s procurement. To start active construction then stop and wait for product delivery is not efficient and would prolong traffic and parking disruption at this intersection.

Beginning the project at Maple & Main and flagpole area is necessary because this work involves removing the obsolete stormwater drainage system and construction of new pipe and catch basins designed to carry higher long-term storm events. The new basins will comply with environmental standards for storm water discharge into the Pattaconk Brook. The main discharge pipe is in the narrow driveway between old Town Hall and Otto’s. In addition to storm water pipes this area has new water main service, as well as sanitary system pipes, most important are the force mains connecting to sewerage pump station.

Until all phase one submittals are approved by the Town Engineer, procured by the contractor, and deliver to the site active construction will not begin the week of April 27th.