

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

JUNE 1, 2020 WEEK #7 ACTIVITIES

During week #6 the contractor continued to maintain access to businesses and residences along the north side of Main Street with gravel surface conditions. Starting sidewalk construction between Pattaconk 1850 and Simon's Market was reconsidered because replacement of buildings' weatherboard continues and setting concrete joint requirements limited efficient concrete pours. Installation of the storm drainage pipes and catch basins between Otto's and Perfect Pear were completed except for placement of the large storm water quality structure which was not ready for shipment. However, the contractor still connected the completed catch basins and storm piping to ensure temporary functional drainage control for this area.

Week #7 activities will include complete drainage installation along northside of Main Street and maintain this area in safe and passable condition. Also anticipated, pending the delivery of granite curbing, is starting the installation of the north curb line for Main Street.

Next week the contractor will initiate with Conn DOT District #2 application to implement the traffic detour plan for one-way traffic through the work zone. It may take Conn DOT a week to review the proposed detour routes before issuing permission to place directional signage on Routes 148 and 154. The intent of the one-way traffic pattern is to close the northside travel lane and parking to provide a safe work area for equipment operations when installing the granite curbs, receiving concrete deliveries, and pouring sidewalks. Once the permit is approved the contractor will begin to install detour signage, all maintenance and protection of traffic signage must be coordinated and in place before opening the detour route. For Chester center this plan must also provide safe pedestrian access for businesses and residences. The contractor anticipates up to two weeks before the detour is in place. The Town may continue with two police officers on duty after the detour is in place to evaluate how the traffic pattern is working for business access, deliveries, and pedestrian and work zone safety.

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