



Town Manager's Report

November 2, 2023

Butner Public Safety Parking Lot – Work on the parking lot and new handicapped spaces has been completed. Work was finished ahead of the 60-day timeline for the project. *For Your Information*

Shades at BAP – The two shades were delivered this month. Public Works is working to finalize the installation. *For Your Information*

School Resource Officer (SRO) – Chief Champion and I met with the Granville County School System superintendent (Dr. Stan Winborne) and there is continued interest in the Town providing an SRO for schools within Town limits (Butner-Stem Elementary, Butner-Stem Middle, and early college). The Town would be compensated for providing this service similar to our arrangement with Falls Lake Charter School. We are developing a draft contract and discussing further with the school system. *For Your Information*

Timber Harvest – Town staff held a public information and input session for the public on October 23rd and has an additional session scheduled for Thursday, November 9th from 5-7PM in the Camp Butner Room (Town Hall). The meetings are informal opportunities to meet and educate the public on the timbering project and seek feedback. Enclosed is a revised map from last month indicating initial areas recommended for timbering, and we are investigating alternatives based on public input received to date. Our intent is to provide a final recommendation to the Council for consideration at the December meeting. The timbering project is planned in accordance with the Town's Timber Management plan and on the recommendation of our professional Forester. In addition to managing the timber we are seeking to lessen the Town's liability with trees falling on neighboring properties. *For Your Information*

Veazey Road Roundabout – Carbon Reduction Program - The Town was recently awarded a Federal Carbon Reduction Program Grant (CRP) in the amount of \$2,034,744 through the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a roundabout at the intersection of Veazey Road, Central Avenue, and Westbrook Drive. The total project funding is \$2,543,430 which includes a required 20% match totaling \$508,686. NCDOT has indicated they may be in position to contribute as much as \$447,936 towards the construction local match and local Powell Bill Funds can be utilized for the match as well. We anticipate the Town being responsible for approximately \$107,000 as our local match for the engineering portion. Depending upon the needs for acquiring right-of-way or to relocate utilities, the Town may be responsible for more should we proceed with construction. The grant is a reimbursement grant which requires the Town to commit to the full cost upfront prior to reimbursement. The project is intended to provide congestion relief, traffic flow improvements and safety improvements for the intersection. We anticipate a number of hurdles with this being Federal Funds and due to the various requirements could take 3 to 5 years to complete. Town staff are beginning the process of obtaining an agreement with NCDOT – we anticipate it being several months before the agreement is in hand and ready for council consideration. Our recent call with NCDOT let us know this will not be an easy project, but it is an opportunity to improve transportation safety in Town if successful. *For Your Information*

BRIC Grant – The Town was informed we were not successful in applying for a Federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant. Town staff applied for a BRIC planning grant for creating a resilient electric grid by burying utility lines along Central Avenue and Hwy 56. *For Your Information*

Lake Holt Sign – The new entrance sign at Lake Holt was installed this week. Here is a view of the installed sign. *For Your Information*

