

Project list, as prioritized at September 29, 2014 work session

The numbering system, as taken from the notes:

- 1 = In next plan (highest priority)
- 2 = Maybe/Maybe not
- 3 = "Back burner"

The notes reflect what was written when the list was created and the items ranked, along with a current status reflecting activity occurring since September (if any).

Category 1

Water system/supply – The distribution system was listed separately, but is part of this. The three components were: bringing the new wells online, identifying an additional source(s), and ensuring the proper level of capital investment in the system as a whole.

Highway Garage – Scoping study will soon be underway.

Bissonette Fields – When identified, permitting was not complete. Now that it is, the focus is on the fundraising and construction component.

Town Hall – Plan for refurbishment long-term, short-term aesthetic upgrades and maintenance (painting the Main Hall, for example).

Staffing (level of service study) – What's the right size for Town government? What does the Town's service portfolio look like? What should it look like?

Richmond Road sidewalk – The Town is still in the mix for a planning grant from the Regional Planning Commission for a scoping study of bike and pedestrian improvements.

Route 116/Charlotte Road/Lantman's intersection – The bike/pedestrian program from the State was identified as a potential source of funds; the deadline to apply is in July.

New Sidewalk from Mechanicsville Street to Commerce Street – Construction of a new sidewalk along the northern/eastern side of VT 116.

Stormwater (focus on village area) – The Village area was prioritized. Based on the discussion prior to adopting proposed regulation changes, a study identifying priority stormwater areas is underway.

Category 2

Fire Station Upgrades – These have been delayed, with a focus on the rescue/pumper and creating flexibility for equipment within the current building footprint.

Lot 1 – Complete/revise the master plan, create a project budget and identify funding, focus on adding the road and parking lot as planned.

Complete Streets planning and compliance – Mostly tied to road reconstruction, pavement overlays (what the Town's paving program has largely consisted of) are generally exempt from mandated compliance. Painting to narrow travel lanes and widen bike/pedestrian lanes (such as they exist) heads in the direction of the spirit of the law.

Village grid streets – To create/connect grid streets in the Village area, to take local surface traffic and diffuse it (reducing congestion along VT116 at peak times, providing additional pedestrian linkages, and creating/enhancing the traditional Village framework). The roads listed in September are West Road, Stella Road, and Center Road.

VT116/Main Street – Primarily this was about the Town's "takeover" of VT116 as a Class 1 Town Highway, but by extension includes continued streetscaping efforts.

Category 3

"Quint"/Ladder Truck – Listed as a 2/3 in the rankings. Impact fees are planned for utilization; current capital plan calls for the quint in FY22.

Listed, but not ranked

Community Center – For indoor recreation, senior programming, and to house a teen center. This discussion included the need/desire for programming and infrastructure that meets the need of an aging population.

Ice Rink/Tennis Court – Planning for the eventual rehabilitation of both.

Stormwater (focus on rural areas) – See the note above.

Road infrastructure – The discussion included a focus on bridges and culverts. The latest bridge inspection report from the State indicates the bridges evaluated are in good shape. Embedded in this, and included in the project list with more than 33 entries, is the need to re-size the Shelburne Falls Road culvert near Pleasant View Lane. Likely this will require the Town to seek and obtain a State structures grant next year, in order to make the fix prior to VTrans work in the VT116/CVU Road/Shelburne Falls Road intersection (which includes upsized culverts).

Road analysis and planning – Updating/creating the 5-year paved and gravel road plans, exploring the total system costs of paving as compared to gravel roads.