

Town Administration

Contract Updates

- Expect final action in upcoming months: Review of Proposed Town of Pomfret / Town of Putnam Transfer Station, with request for BOS approval and Town Meeting approval.

Recent

- Plan of Conservation and Development: Land Use leading and Planning and Zoning Commission. Review of draft sections, with expected timeline to include Board of Selectmen and public input in upcoming months. Plan to be completed by June 2026.
- Ongoing: Coverage for Human Resources and Payroll due to medical/maternity leave. Finance Office and Mayor's office assisting.
- Putnam EMS: submittal and permitting phase, expect onsite construction including concrete and trailer in 1-3 months.
- Belding: similar to last month coordinating with ECD office, state, Town attorney and developer. Draft Tax Abatement Agreement under review, including years of reduced assessment of improvements.
- Ongoing: General Government and Assessor office coordination for new legislative directions, including local options for veterans and local options for elderly property tax programs.
- Ongoing: Tech Park Four-Party Agreement: coordinating between all parties, with new information on gravel quantity, financial components and timeline. Board of Selectmen reviewing options.
- Same as last month. St Marie Greenhalgh Track Improvements Project: pending State contract. Town funds for engineering design, which is underway.
- Pomfret Transfer Station: final capital cost amounts are coming in, with expectation of being incorporated into final Agreement in upcoming month or two.
- BOE projects: HVAC substantially complete. Roof approaching substantial completion.
- Received qualifications submittals for Air Line Trail between Putnam and Killingly. Late September interviews with all responding firms (NECCOG and Town of Killingly reps included), with expected selection and project scoping in following months.

Upcoming

- EMS Facilities: Start construction and sitework. Modifications to existing building (including modifying propane to natural gas) expected to be funded with previous-approved ARPA funds.
- Same as last month: Tech Park Land Exchange Agreement - possible Special Town Meeting for modified/restated Four Party Agreement.
- Transfer Station: finalize Agreement terms; with following months as standard regular 3rd Saturday opening for Putnam residents.
- Church St Tennis Courts improvements: same as last month. data gathering for preparation of improvements work. Possible construction Spring 2026.
- Air Line Trail: select engineering consultant firm for the Putnam River Trail and Town of Killingly connection.

Road and Sidewalk Improvements

Recent / Ongoing

- School Street Sidewalks projects: Substantially complete, final line striping and signage this month.

- Kennedy Drive Parking Improvements: Near substantial completion, punch list items and final change order for additional paving on Kennedy Drive expected late Summer/ early Fall.
- [Ongoing: Highway has various additional paving projects seasonally.]

Upcoming

- School Street: Project closeout activities, including LOTCIP financials.
- Kennedy Drive Parking: some paving on Kennedy Drive and project closeout activities.
- NECCOG design for upcoming years' sidewalks improvements. ECD office leading: Grove St and South Main St (including Chapman, Fremont, King, Center etc); and towards Walmart.
- Highway Department various throughout town.

Bridges

Recent

- Danco Drive Bridge: Onsite construction work since June 2025.
- Same as last month: Wicker Street culvert: expect in-situ pipe repair via lining options, possible site work in Spring 2026.
- Ongoing: Consultant work on inspecting under-20-ft span bridges. Highway completed several minor bridge repair recommendations at the under-20 bridges, including guide rail installation and vegetation clearing. Larger maintenance recommendations will be contracted.
- Ongoing: State DOT for the state's new 100% funded program, including Bridges E Putnam over Cady Brook and Chase Road over Cady Brook. Possible that Rhode Island Road over Mary Brown Brook also eligible.
- East Putnam over Mary Brown Brook: this bridge has been in poor condition for some years. Design underway by WMC either a local funded sliplining repair, or a 50/50 State DOT funded project for full replacement.
- [Note Highway Department continues to complete minor repairs that were identified on previous inspections (spalling repair, guiderail repair).

Upcoming

- East Putnam Road Bridge over Mary Brown Brook: WMC preparing preliminary design and options for repair or replacement.
- Ongoing: Working with consultants, DOT, NECCOG for long-term plan of bridge improvements.
- Danco: Bridge construction continuation including lane closures and utility coordination.
- Same as last month: Wicker St over Wheatons Brook: this is a corrugated metal culvert which recent inspection shows poor condition. Expect to reline the pipe in place.

Athletic and Recreation

Recent / Ongoing

- Same as last month: Tennis Courts on Church St: reviewing other municipal recent examples and considering options for contractors for paving, painting/stripping.
- Track Improvements: CHA completing design deliverables in upcoming months.
- Same as last month/Ongoing: Gravel excavation by contractor for Sabin Street Recreation Field construction work. Land Use Director leading. Based on material availability, expect 1-2 years of continued gravel excavation activities. Town efforts including landscaping to follow excavation.
- Same as last month/Ongoing: coordination with consultant Weston & Sampson for Airline Trail Improvements project including connection to Putnam River Trail at Quinebaug River (Town of Pomfret leading). ACOE permitting expect construction to start 2026 or later.

- Ongoing: Air Line Connection between Putnam and Thompson: Land Use and ECD leading. Barton & LoGiudice ongoing efforts including layout of road-adjacent trail (wide-width sidewalk).
- CT Greenway Connection between Putnam and Killingly: DOT TAP funds. Engineering consultant qualifications received, followed by interviews and selection, with DOT participation.

Upcoming

- Tennis courts: preparation of work plan. [Postponed, expect in upcoming month+.]
- Track Improvements: design efforts.

- Ongoing: Air Line Trail towards Thompson: Consultant progressing, Land Use and ECD office coordinating.
- Ongoing: Air Line Trail from Pomfret: consultant working on permitting including ACOE. Construction 2026 and beyond.
- Ongoing: CT Greenway Connection towards Killingly: Followed by selection and scope development. Design start 2026 and beyond.

Other Town Responsibilities

Recent

- For Route 44 Retaining Wall DOT project: Ongoing coordination with WPCA, engineer, and DOT.
- WPCA: planning for additional state funding for water treatment filter rehabilitation and lead and copper service connection construction.
- Belding Grant with DECD: coordination with Town Counsel, DECD, developer and consultants.
- Senior transportation program identifying personnel and coordinating necessary training. ECD and Veteran's offices leading.

Upcoming / Ongoing

- Ongoing: Belding Grant including Financial Assistance Proposal with State DECD, Agreement modification expected in upcoming months. Also Tax Abatement Program expected.

Conferences and Training

Recent

- COST Quarterly Board Meetings
- CTCMA Meetings
- CCM ongoing training credits for CCMO

Upcoming

- CCM Annual Conference Dec 1-2
- COST Fall Conference October 22nd