

Town Administration**Contract Updates**

- Church St Courts: depending on mid-May bid results, possible Construction Contract to be prepared for Town/Contractor execution.
- Four-Party Agreement per Special Town Meeting signatures being acquired. Strategic Realty (Rawson) preparing Gravel Permit Amendment for Wetlands review and P&Z consideration; likely timing for May or June; so a Summer closing date expected.

Status and Upcoming

- Continued FY27 Budget steps, including publishing budget, holding Public Hearing and the upcoming Annual Town Meeting. Following late May referendum, if approved, Board of Finance to set mill rate. Following State's Legislative Session that ended May 6th, there were two new allocated state revenue to Putnam - one for education, one for general government.
- Ongoing: Plan of Conservation and Development: Land Use leading and P&Z Commission. Spring 2026 P&Z work and then public information sessions.
- Putnam EMS: final onsite fitout through March, ramp and furniture scheduled for April.
- Belding: continued good progress including State DECD efforts towards final contract. Probably June 2026 execution of Agreement; following that step, developer can contract remediation work.
- Pension Board: Special Town Meeting in March modified language to allow retired participants to return to limited employment (e.g. election poll workers).
- Pension and Union: received USI actuarial calculations based on union request; will meet with Pension Board in upcoming month(s) to review.
- Health Insurance: Based on review of various options and costs, the Town is moving to the State Partnership Plan as of July 1, 2026. Various meetings between Town Admin and Town HR Director with SSD representatives, state administration, including health and dental representatives, and an employee presentation held early May. Open enrollment is ongoing, with selections by all employees due by the end of May.
- General Government: received minutes from April 2026 VAC meeting with their requests and input regarding municipal options. Upcoming early June Veteran and Legislator Panel session, to learn any additional optional municipal exemptions to consider. In upcoming months, General Government may also consider review of Zoning Fine ordinance and/or Sidewalk Snow Clearing ordinance.
- Tech Park Four-Party Agreement: Signatures being gathered, if Strategic applies and obtains Gravel Permits, possible Summer 2026 closing.
- St Marie Greenhalgh Track Improvements Project: State reviewing for approval to advertise. Possible Fall 2026 construction.
- Pomfret Transfer Station: ongoing monthly, working well. Separately, a June 2026 Hazardous Waste day will be held / shared with Town of Thompson.
- Trash program: no change in cost for FY27. Coordinating with Revenue Office for management of late payers and barrel pickup/return.
- Same as last month: BOE projects: Roof project has been difficult, with recent near-completion and some outstanding warranties and negotiations ongoing.

Road and Sidewalk Improvements**Status and Upcoming**

- Kennedy Drive Parking Improvements: Substantial completion. Kennedy Drive paving by contractor and/or coordinate with Town paving.
- Ongoing: NECCOG design for upcoming years' sidewalks improvements. ECD office leading: Grove St and South Main St (including Chapman, Fremont, King, Center etc.) - applied for Community Connectivity Grant; and towards Walmart (which requires structural engineering for pedestrian bridge)- project might be a LOTCIP application.
- [Ongoing: Highway has various additional paving projects seasonally.]

Bridges**Status and Upcoming**

- Danco Drive Bridge: Substantial completion including paving in early May 2026.
- Ongoing: State DOT for the state's new 100% funded program, including Bridges E Putnam over Cady Brook and Chase Road over Cady Brook. State managing design, expect 2027 and 2028 construction timeline.
- Same as last month: East Putnam over Mary Brown Brook: WMC design engineers recommend lining rather than full replacement, and expect to apply for DOT State Local 50/50 funding. Waiting for DOT feedback on lining vs full replacement. Upcoming ACOE and DEEP permitting expected.
- Wicker Street culvert: expect in-situ pipe repair via lining options, engineering consultant preparing technical specs and details for possible Summer bidding.
- Ongoing: Consultant work on inspecting under-20-ft span bridges. Planning to re-inspect about every 5 years.

Athletic and Recreation**Status and Upcoming**

- Tennis Courts on Church St: Advertised in April, addendum and pre-bid in May. Bid Opening held May 13th, expect to evaluate with possible award for Summer Construction.
- Track Improvements: CHA completing design, including state review for advertisement. Expect possible Fall 2026 construction; may be Spring 2027.
- Same as last month/Ongoing: Gravel excavation by contractor for Sabin Street Recreation Field construction work. Land Use Director leading. Summer 2026 crushing efforts similar to past years. 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 late 2026 or 2027.
- Ongoing: Air Line Connection between Putnam and Intervale St: Land Use and ECD leading. Barton & LoGiudice ongoing efforts including layout of road-adjacent trail (wide-width sidewalk). Expect design to continue through Fall 2026.
- Same as last month: CT Greenway Connection between Putnam and Killingly: DOT TAP funds. SLR consultants provided draft scope, DOT to review and then budget for design. Design start likely Summer 2026, several years out for construction.

Other Town Responsibilities**Status and Upcoming**

- Union Square Courtyard Improvements: waiting for response to Town's application for DEEP Community Garden Grant Program.
- For Route 44 Retaining Wall DOT project: DOT Contractor onboard, initial construction activities. Ongoing coordination with WPCA, engineer, and DOT. 6-month+ Detour expected, possibly beginning Summer 2026.
- WPCA: planning for additional DPH state funding for water treatment filter rehabilitation and lead and copper service connection construction. Likely will need Town Referendum in Summer 2026. (Depending on Annual Town Meeting referendum timing; WPCA-related referendum may be late June 2026.)
- Belding Grant with DECD: Following finalization of State contracts and Agreements, developer to contract for remediation work - expect 2026 remediation start.
- Senior transportation program in initial months with modest use. Recreation and Veteran's offices leading.

Conferences and Training

- COST Quarterly Board Meetings
- New England Water Works Association Worcester MA lead and copper panel April 2026
- CTCMA Meetings
- CCM Legislative Meetings
- CCM ongoing training credits for CCMO