

Town Administration**Contract Updates**

- Church St Courts: Executed Contract with A&S Paving DBA Willis for Church Street Basketball, Tennis, and Pickleball Courts Improvements.
- Four-Party Agreement per Special Town Meeting signatures still being acquired. Strategic Realty (Rawson) needs to submit their Gravel Permit Amendment for Wetlands review and P&Z consideration. With that 2-month+ effort, closing maybe September.

Status and Upcoming

- Budget efforts to close out FY26; and open FY27. Recognition note: FY26 had many budget challenges including higher than usual snow handling costs, facility maintenance costs, and regional intercept. Beginning in January 2026, we communicated to all department heads of the expected need for tightening and postponing non-vital expenditures. Thank you to Town department heads for their efforts as we finished within budget.
- Ongoing: Plan of Conservation and Development: Land Use leading and P&Z Commission. Upcoming P&Z work, including public information sessions and request for Board of Selectmen approval.
- Putnam EMS: new facilities have been in operation since May. Remaining project funding being used for interior improvements in the legacy space. And Highway expects to pave late July/ August.
- Belding: Still waiting for final execution of Agreement, property owner and his attorney have been given multiple requests to prioritize. Following that contract execution, developer can contract remediation work.
- Pension Board: Board considered Union requests and based on significant additional funding calculations, requested our actuary to perform additional calculations. July meeting to further discuss.
- Personnel: expect to advertise for WPCA clerk in July for a vacancy following employee separation.
- Health Insurance: HR Director leading. The Town has transitioned to the State Partnership Plan as of July 1, 2026. Additional Town employees enrolled. Working with Finance and Auditors to develop proposal for excess reserve funds allocated towards future health insurance costs.
- General Government: June 2026 meeting approved several municipal veterans exemption expansion options and zoning enforcement ordinance.
- Special Town Meeting: planning for new and modified ordinances; and renewal of Ground Lease Revenues towards CIP.
- Tech Park Four-Party Agreement: Signatures still being gathered. Strategic still needs to apply for modifications to Gravel Permits, which are likely a 2+-month timeline. Expect late summer or Fall closing (contract allows through December 31st).
- St Marie Greenhalgh Track Improvements Project: Advertised in June 2026, pre-bid meeting planned, with bid opening planned for August 6th. Likely Fall 2026 contract execution, with early Spring 2027 start.
- Pomfret Transfer Station: ongoing monthly, working well. The June 2026 Hazardous Waste day was held / shared with Town of Thompson, also worked well.
- Trash program: no change in cost to homeowners for FY27. Coordinating with Revenue Office for management of late payers and barrel pickup/return.
- BOE projects: Roof project continues to be close to completion. There are several legal issues related to payment to subcontractor. We are coordintaing with Town counsel and the Bonding Company.

Road and Sidewalk Improvements**Status and Upcoming**

- Kennedy Drive Parking Improvements: Highway Superintendent coordinating Kennedy Drive paving by contractor and the Town's expected paving.

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Ongoing: NECCOG design for upcoming years' sidewalks improvements. ECD office leading: Grove St and South Main St (including Chapman, Fremont, King, Center etc.) - awarded Community Connectivity Grant. Sidewalk towards Walmart will also be designed by NECCOG, and also may be a LOTCIP funding application. The Walmart sidewalk requires construction of a pedestrian bridge, which will likely be a separate project from the sidewalk, and we are coordinating with DOT regarding possible bridge types.

- [Ongoing: Highway has various additional paving projects seasonally.]

Bridges**Status and Upcoming**

- Danco Drive Bridge: Project closeout efforts upcoming.

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Wicker Street culvert lining and improvements: technical design complete, working on preparation of bid package. Expect July or August advertisement, possible Fall 2026 construction.

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Similar to 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, including review of model. Upcoming ACOE and DEEP permitting expected.

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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.

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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: Contract with A&S Paving, pre-construction meeting held in late June. Expect late August construction start, with expected Fall 2026 work.
- Track Improvements: CHA design complete. Advertised late June, bid opening in August. Likely onsite construction in Spring 2027 (school spring sports affected, likely not WPTP football).
- 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.
- Final design complete by Weston & Sampson for Airline Trail Improvements project including connection to Putnam River Trail at Quinebaug River (Town of Pomfret leading). ACOE permitting still waiting, 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.
- CT Greenway Connection between Putnam and Killingly: DOT TAP funds. SLR consultants revising scope based on DOT comments, expect budget for design proposed in upcoming months. Design start likely late 2026, several years out for construction.

Other Town Responsibilities

Status and Upcoming

- Union Square Courtyard Improvements: DEEP Community Garden Grant Program - announced award to Putnam in June, slightly reduced from request.
- Route 44 Retaining Wall DOT project: Completed relining WPCA's sewer line. Expect upcoming valves and connections to WPCA water line. DOT Contractor complete road closure late July. Ongoing coordination with WPCA, engineer, and DOT.
- WPCA: June 30th Town referendum approved all three WPCA project budgets, including water treatment filter rehabilitation, lead and copper service connection construction, and gravity thickener construction. WPCA expects to have bid openings for gravity thickener and service line projects in 2026; with the filters likely 2027.
- Same as last month: Belding Grant with DECD: Following finalization of State contracts and Agreements, developer to contract for remediation work - expect 2026 remediation start.
- Ongoing: legal efforts related to claims and lawsuits.

Conferences and Training

- COST Quarterly Board Meetings
- CTCMA Meetings, including June 11th Annual Conference
- ICMA Membership and planning for October 2026 conference
- CCM Legislative Meetings
- CCM ongoing training credits for CCMO