

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RECLAMATION YARD

May 21, 2018
Update No. 32

The following is the bi-weekly status update for the Public Works Yard. The Town will be providing bi-weekly updates of the status and progress on the long term goal of reducing the size of the existing pile and the development of a 5-Year Plan.

A meeting was held last evening at the Fire Training Center. A copy of the presentation, and all status updates and related information are posted to the Town website located at: <http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyard>

Flood Control Barrier

An application will be submitted to Fairfield Planning & Zoning by the end May for a Flood Control Barrier. When the meeting dates are scheduled, the information will be provided in a subsequent update. This barrier encompasses the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Fire Training School, Conservation Garage, and Animal Control Facility. Plans can be viewed with the link below:

<http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyardnews/?FeedID=2012>

- A CT DEEP permit for the above work is expected to be issued by the end of June. Attached is the DRAFT Permit [DEEP NTD for Fairfield WWTP](#)
- A landscaping plan for screening trees consisting of 40 14' tall white pines (*Pinus Strobus Fastigiata*) located at the rear property line of the training grounds has been developed. There will also be plantings at other points to provide a visual screening of this barrier.

Landscape Berm Project

- The project began on 4/2/18 and is progressing according to schedule.
- Soil samples and testing are being performed before moving the material for the construction of the berm. This will be done continuously throughout the project. Test results can be accessed from <http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyard>
- Movement of material began on 4/25/18, beginning on the eastern end and working west through 6/8/18. As the berm takes shape, residents are encouraged to provide any comment and input. **Specifically, we are seeking a consensus if the proposed fence atop the berm is necessary or not.**
- Spreading topsoil, hydoseeding, and planting of the berm will be done continuously as sections are constructed; beginning 5/21 and continuing through 6/15/18.

- The berm will be substantially completed by 6/30/18.
- Plans can be viewed with the link <http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyardnews/?FeedID=1772>

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LEGAL

- The Town has engaged a law firm for legal action. All public information on this matter is available and on the website of the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. This is frequently updated with any new information.
<http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=FBTCV175032827S>

OTHER

- Due to the amount of brush material from the March Nor'easters, more wood grinding occurred this spring at Harvest New England than is normally expected. This peak has concluded and normal operations have resumed.
- Harvest New England is under contract to operate the Yard Waste site as per RFP #2017-78. The prevention of all fires is a priority in this operation. Modifications have been made to the Fire Protection protocols after the fire occurrence of February 12, 2018.
- The Town will begin the development of a five year plan for all of the Town's Operations on Richard White Way, which includes Public Works, Fire Training Grounds, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mulch Operations, Transfer Station, School Bus Yard, Conservation Garage, and Animal Control. The goal is to allow the Town to conduct necessary operations, while finding ways to reduce and mitigate the associated impacts to our neighbors. As we move forward, this will become a primary focus of the neighborhood meetings.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be added to the distribution list for future project updates, please send an email to kfournier@fairfieldct.org

Status Update No. 33 will be issued on June 1, 2018.