

1. Repairs to the retaining wall near the old Stamina Mill on School St (bright orange barrels) will soon be started per RI DOT. They have to redesign the wall to ensure safety.
2. Stone Arch Bridge will not be worked on this year as previously told to us by RI DOT. Looks like a start date in 2017. Updates will be provided as received.
3. Legislation has been submitted to the State by the Town Council that will require parents who wish to send their children to a Charter school to get permission from the Town Council before being able to register. If you have thoughts on this, let us know.

[Click here to read the legislation.](#)

4. The Building and Zoning department has lost an employee, the part time Zoning Inspector. Although the administration sought to replace, the Town Council did not fund the position. Please expect delays to some extent.
5. The public hearing for the budget has been scheduled for **Monday, June 13th, 7pm** at Kendall Dean. Residents are invited to attend.
6. Water and Sewer Department are planning ahead with Capital expenditures to improve the SCADA (automated) chlorination system, hereby infusing consistent approach to maintaining the Town's system.
7. There will be a meeting to discuss issues related to the Mechanic Street area for a potential water line. Some wells have indicated contamination over several years. This is being addressed.
8. There will be a Town Hall Sewer Commission meeting to factually review the issues of sewer systems being compromised by run off in the Edwards Avenue and Parkview Drive area. Solutions for Public Health & Safety will be offered by DPW Director Ray Pendergast, Superintendent Russ Carpenter. May 25th, Kendall Dean, 83 Green St. 7pm.
9. I continue to encourage a positive solution to the Woonsocket Wastewater agreement. November 2016 still the deadline for termination of sewer services by Woonsocket to our 3900+ residential homes. Whatever the Council can do would put many at ease as the deadline approaches.

10. The Town Council passed an 'emergency wind turbine ordinance' at last meeting. This will effectively stop new wind projects for 180 days. This was voted on and passed with no public hearing. The next Town Council will have to take up the issue after the November election.
11. Paving Project (bond) – you should start to see some preliminary roadwork and then paving, beginning after July 4th. The top 4 roads according to DPW Director are: Iron Mine Hill Rd, Sayles Hill Rd, Pound Hill Rd, section of Black Plain Rd. 5 other roads will have minor fill and upgrades.
12. Declaration to run for elected office is June 27, 28, & 29. You may pick up declaration papers at Town Hall Annex, 575 Smithfield Rd, from 8am -4pm each day. Papers with signature must be returned 2 weeks from pick-up.
13. The Town is in the process of developing a new user friendly virtual town hall website. Residents will now be able to fill in PDF applications online and email directly to the appropriate department.
14. Paving of DPW garage area will be done soon, followed by demolition of old salt shed and revamping recycling and drop off areas.
15. Stamina Mills Superfund Site meeting was held last week with EPA, RI DEM, National Parks, and Skeo, the company hired to review possible uses of the property. End result was the building on School Street could serve as a stop before entering Slatersville (National Park). More to follow.