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### MONTHLY REPORT December 2019

The Ayer DPW completes hundreds of tasks each month to provide safe drinking water, disposal of wastewater and trash, recycling, road paving and maintenance and other activities to improve the Town of Ayer and protect our investment in Ayer's infrastructure. This monthly report will highlight some of our construction project going on around Town.

**Ayer DPW Highway Garage-** The DPW is constructing a new garage building, primarily to store vehicles and equipment. It is a 50 foot by 80 foot, 5 bay pre-engineered metal building. The building is nearing completion and we should be moving in in February.



**Grove Pond PFAS Treatment System –** The Grove Pond Wellfield Treatment Facility is under construction. We are anticipating start-up in early summer.

**East Main Street Reconstruction –** The final design has been approved by MassDOT and we are obtaining temporary construction easements from all abutters. This is a detailed and time consuming process which will be completed in February, with the anticipated bid advertisement date of March 28.



**Main St Street Light Upgrades –** The second phase of the Main St Street Light upgrades was bid in December and we will be replacing six single lights and 3 double lights.

**Transfer Station Sticker –** December is always busy in the DPW office selling the 2020 Transfer Station Permits!

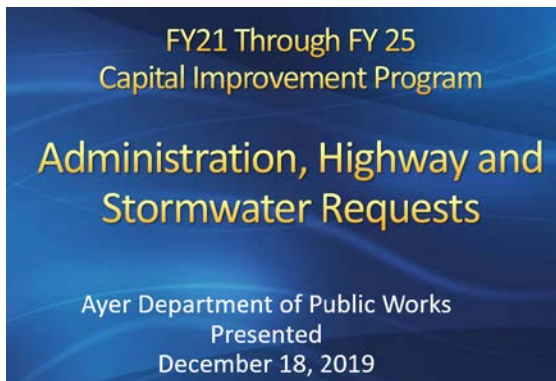


**Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – The DPW is in the middle of a phased capital improvement project for Ayer’s wastewater treatment plant. The second phase of the upgrade project was bid in December with very favorable bids. Construction is beginning in January and expected to last through the summer.



### **Sewer System Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation**

– Ayer’s sewers are over 75 years old and have many leaks. In December, the DPW issued a contract to reline pipes and seal the manholes. This is a long term phase project that will reduce the flow impacts on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



**Capital Planning Budget** – The DPW has Ayer’s largest Capital needs. The Capital Plan was submitted to the Capital Planning Committee and a presentation was made to demonstrate the importance of these infrastructure projects. Information on the Capital Plan is on the Town Budget Web Page.

### **Recreation Department Garage Construction**

– The Ayer DPW is providing construction management and oversight for the Parks Department Garage under construction at Pirone Park. The project is well under way and on schedule.







**School Street Sidewalk Grant** – The Ayer DPW is in the process of designing a new ADA compliant sidewalk on School Street, connecting East Main Street to Pirone Park. This is funded by a Complete Streets grant from MassDOT. We will begin construction in the spring.

**Water Main Break** – We had a major water main break in December when National Grid broke our water pipe in Groton Harvard Road while installing a new utility pole. Our quick response and skilled staff shut off the pipe and repaired it before we lost a significant amount of water.

