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MONTHLY REPORT July 2020

The Ayer DPW continues to get things done while dealing with the challenge of COVID 19. July is a busy time with the end of FY20 and the new capital budgets for FY21.

This monthly report will highlight DPW activities and some of our construction projects going on around Town.

Ayer Water Division Foreman Retires – Rick Linde has worked for the Town of Ayer Water Division for over 33 years. Rick dedicated his career to making sure the Town always had a safe and reliable water supply. He gave up many weekends and nights to fix water main breaks and make sure the wells and treatment plants were still operating. We will miss his expertise and dedication.

Washington Street Paving and Sidewalks – The DPW reconstructed Washington Street from Highland Avenue to Main Street. This project included removing the existing pavement, resetting existing curbing, installing new granite curbing and new asphalt and concrete sidewalks. This completes the repaving and sidewalk improvements on the entire length of Washington Street.



Main Street Streetlights – The DPW continues to replace the aging infrastructure in Ayer and improve the Main Street area. In July, we replaced 10 of the old decorative streetlights with new LED streetlights. The older light poles were becoming unsafe.



Stormwater Permit Activities – The US EPA requires the Town of Ayer to have a Stormwater Discharge Permit which requires the DPW to complete specific actions including public education, inspection and cleaning of outfalls and sampling of the Town ponds.



Grove Pond PFAS Treatment System – The Grove Pond Wellfield Treatment Facility is nearing completion and will be placed into service in early September. This project was financed by a \$4.7M grant from the US Army as part of the Devens hazardous waste clean-up.



Spectacle Pond Water Treatment Plant – The design for the Spectacle Pond PFAS Water Treatment Plant is complete and bids will be received in September. This project, when completed will remove all PFAS from the Town's drinking water.

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 is under construction and includes improvements to the grit removal system, HVAC improvements and control upgrades.

