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To: Bristol Town Council
From: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
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Subject: Project Update – Calendar Year 2025

This memorandum provides a summary of major municipal projects active or completed during Calendar Year 2025, including infrastructure, facilities, environmental, and land conservation initiatives.

Infrastructure, Transportation & Public Works

- **Burnside Street Usability Improvements:** Construction is underway. The surface course is scheduled for completion in the spring.
- **Road Surfacing Program:** Construction for the 2025 season is substantially complete on Aaron Avenue, Ansonia Avenue, Cliff Drive, Gloria Street, Harrison Street, Pagnano Street, Roger Avenue, and Sandra Drive. Remaining streets—Betsy Drive, Birchwood Drive, Kingswood Road, and Sandy Lane—are scheduled for completion in the spring.
- **Gooding Avenue Sidewalk, Driveway Ramp, and Bus Shelter Replacement:** This RI Commerce grant-funded project is complete.
- **Holiday Lighting Circuits:** New drops, circuits, and reusable LED lighting installed on Hope Street (Bradford Street to Church Street) and Lower State Street.
- **Asylum Road Street Lighting:** A new light pole has been installed at the Recreation Center entrance. A coordination meeting with RIDOT is planned to review potential additional scope.
- **Church Street Dock Fire Suppression:** Completed.

Stormwater, Drainage & Environmental Projects

- **Independence Park Boat Ramp & Water Quality Improvements:** Completed.
- **Portside Drive Shoreline Right-of-Way & Stormwater Improvements:** Project is complete.

- **Sherry Avenue Drainage Improvements:** Phase I improvements at the Highview Avenue detention basin are underway. Sewer replacement and outfall construction are complete. Regrading and forebay installation are anticipated to be completed in the spring.
- **Leahy Pond Invasive Plant Removal:** Grant-funded work near Hampden Drive is complete. Additional grant opportunities are being pursued.
- **Bayview Avenue Greenhouse Property – Environmental Cleanup:** Phase I, including structure removal and soil remediation, is complete.
- **Municipal Resilience Tree Planting:** 270 trees have been planted; project is complete.

Buildings, Facilities & Community Assets

- **Walley School Reuse Project:** Major structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, elevator, drainage, utility, and roofing work is complete on both floors. Interior finish work is underway on first floor. The building is anticipated to open in the spring. Grant opportunities are being pursued for second-floor completion.
- **Library Building Improvements:** Four rooftop HVAC units have been installed. The Maker Space is approximately 90% complete and painted, with a planned spring opening.
- **Recreation Center Fitness Room Replacement:** Completed.
- **Animal Shelter K-9 Grass Replacement:** Completed.
- **Coelho Park Playground Replacement:** Main playground structure is installed; swing set components are on order.

Land Conservation & Open Space

- **Mt. Hope Lands Acquisition:** The Town has successfully closed on approximately 120 acres.

Respectfully,



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