



Utilities Department Status Report for Feb. 2023 (covering Jan. 2023)

PROJECT/CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	No issues to report. Looking at implementing the paving project approved for this year which is to repave/repair the drive around the back of the plant.
WWTP	No major issues.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	The reservoir is at 45 feet and rising! The new Phase 2 normal pool elevation is 53 feet. The releases met or exceeded the minimum required release. We are only steps away from a full transfer of easements and right-of-way to NCDOT to close this road project out. The contractor mowing the regrowth around the phase 2 level area has had issues and work is delayed. Unclear how much they can finish before water rises.
Water Restrictions	None!
Billing Adjustments	Discussion in the joint BOC/WSAC meeting in February for possible presentation at March general meeting for adoption. Due to some linkage language, irrigation code modifications are also included.
System Development Fees and Budget	Proposals to update the existing system development fees are received. Raftelis, who has worked with the town for years and did the last update, was selected. SDF analysis is required by statute to be updated at least every five years and public noticed for 45 days prior to board approval of the FY24 budget. The FY24 budget process has started.
Specification Updates	Updates to the utilities technical specifications, standard details and merging of various development and construction technical documents and processes is almost complete. The specifications were last updated in 2018 and need to cover more technical requirements and situations that will support the town and clarify development requirements and expectations. Code updates will follow to ensure cohesiveness.
Outfall Clean and CCTV	Expecting to receive several proposals for the Eno River Interceptor cleaning and CCTV. Will need to coordinate with Public Space on accessibility to some areas along Riverwalk.
Developments	Close to finalizing RTLP extension contract. Request from a different charter school to reserve capacity for a site off Lawrence Road was granted. Prior reservation was revoked. Site plan recently reviewed.
Funding Opportunities	We are awaiting paperwork for our \$100,000 grant for water system master planning from the state and are ready to sign a contract with Hazen & Sawyer. Still awaiting word of the fall round ARPA/SRF submittals to the state on four projects which is expected in mid to late February, at the earliest. Nothing from the feds on the STAG and FEMA BRIC awards.
Staffing	Jacob Hamlin, a night water plant operator started 1/17. A Utility Maintenance Mechanic I, Brent Anderson, started on 1/17. There remains one Utility Maintenance Mechanic position opening. A new Utility Maintenance Technician (Locator), Seth Frazier, started 1/30. Dennis Apple transferred from Public Works to our newly formed plant maintenance team in January.

Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	Two new members began their 1 st term in February – Eric Raznick (out of town) and Grace Beeler (in town). The WSAC will move to bimonthly meetings starting after February 2023. The next joint BOC meetings will be in February and August.
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