

## Utilities Department Status Report for Mar. 2023 (covering Feb. 2023)

PROJECT/CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	All is well. The annual March chlorine only conversion and flushing is occurring (the "burn out").
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West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	The reservoir is at almost 47 feet. Phase II normal pool is 53 feet. We are releasing about 3 cubic feet per second per requirement.
Water Restrictions	None
Billing Adjustments	Working on these for BOC approval.
Specification Updates	Updates presented for adoption at March general meeting. 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. The specifications are Appendix F of Chapter 14 of town code. Other code updates will follow to ensure cohesiveness.
Outfall Clean and CCTV	Vision NC was selected for the Eno River Interceptor cleaning and CCTV and plans in June or July to perform the work. Will need to coordinate with Public Space on accessibility to some areas along Riverwalk.
New GIS Vendor	The Department put out an RFP for a GIS vendor and received 20 proposals! The selection committee is narrowing down the list to five to check references and make a final selection. The selected vendor will have in depth experience on all facets of GIS and the capabilities to help the Utilities Department expand and utilize its many features while ensuring continued integrity of our water and sewer databases.
Developments	RTLP extension contract on agenda for March BOC approval. Lawrence Road project discussion on technical matters with developer had on March 2. Planning board meeting anticipated in April and BOC has agreed to provide formal comments regarding the project.
Lawndale Rehab Project	Embarking on mailer to residents and setting up to bid project. The project will be to rehabilitate most of the sewers by cured-in-place lining with a few excavations to fix point repairs.
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. We also have received \$70,000 in grant funds to perform a technical evaluation of Hasell St tank and US 70A Watermain Replacement. These technical reviews will provide high level recommendations and costs to move forward. Nothing formal received from the feds on the STAG or FEMA BRIC awards. Paperwork processing is slow.
Staffing	Waddell Jacobs is retiring at the end of March. His position is posted.
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	Paul Cough did not want to complete a second term due to workload. A new in-town member, Mo Rasheed, is proposed for appointment at the March general board meeting. The next BOC meeting is in April. The joint WSAC/BOC meeting will be in August at the BOC workshop.