



Memo

To: Watertown Common Council

From: Alex Allon, Strategic Initiatives and Development Coordinator

Date: September 6, 2022

Re: Town Square Update

Council Members,

In the two weeks since the last Council Meeting, work on the Town Square has tracked as follows:

- Concrete foundations for landscaping blocks and stones were completed.
- Precast seat bench installation is roughly 90% complete.
- Steel sunshade installation is complete. The wood slats for the “roof” will arrive around September 7.

Over the next two weeks, we anticipate:

- Landscaping blocks and stones installation will be completed in about one week.
- Precast seat bench installation will be completed in about one week.
- AT&T will complete their fiber optic relocation and removal of temporary poles.
- Grading and topsoil work will continue.
- Site concrete work will be ongoing and electrical rough-ins will continue.

Our project schedule has been updated to reflect movement on AT&T’s resuming of work. The dock system is anticipated to be installed in the first couple weeks of September, as well as concrete sidewalks. General landscaping – including pavers, plantings and sod – will be installed beginning the third week of September.

We received two bid submissions for the historical art exhibit near the river. Both submissions were more than double our budget. Our design/engineering team is working to remove some of the materials and constructability constraints from the bid documents so that prospective contractors have more flexibility to propose alternative solutions. We intend to take this back out to bid and will be providing a not-to-exceed budget for contractors to submit proposals against. The installation itself will likely take place in the Spring of 2023.

I look forward to answering any questions and providing additional updates at the next meeting.

In service,

Alex Allon

Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority