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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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TO: SELECTBOARD  
FROM: PETE WEBSTER  
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT  
DATE: 9/8/2009

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Here's a quick summary of the past couple weeks:

- Met with Genevieve Morinville of the Conservation Commission to discuss the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Source to the Sea Cleanup—we will be scouring both banks of the Ct. River from Thetford to Wilder Dam. This will be a good collaboration between the Hanover and Norwich Conservation Commissions, and Ledyard Canoe club.
- Took two vacation days to drive my youngest daughter to her freshman year at college.
- Met with Tom Porter and crew on the pouring of the concrete for the bandstand ramp. The steps should be poured and set by your meeting, in good time for the dedication on Saturday. I encourage as many of you to be there as possible—we will have Peter Welch and Margaret Cheney on hand for the 12:15 ribbon cutting. We had a painting crew out there this past Sunday, comprised of Don McCabe who coordinated, along with his son and son's girlfriend. Also, both Sue and Bob Pitiger, Karen Ward, Norman Miller and myself. We used a clear satin spar urethane for the interior of the ceiling, and stained white the two built-in benches. It looks good. If you happen to run into any of these fine people who gave of their time Sunday, thank them for their efforts! Jill Kearney utilized the bandstand steps (at my suggestion) Monday for the awards ceremony for her Labor Day 10k road race. She felt it worked out very well, and was quite complimentary of the new structure. The Norwich Women's Club should be getting some of the landscaping in this week prior to the dedication Saturday.
- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> we had the final monitoring/assessment of the new lane configuration, and I was out on the Rt. 10A section with Bob Chamberlin to observe and get his thoughts. You have seen his summary that he submitted the following week. The wearing course of pavement, along with the permanent lane striping, should happen in the next couple of weeks.
- Met with about 10 other Southern Vt. Town Managers at a monthly luncheon. These are very helpful get-togethers, as we compare notes, learn from each other. No other towns have even begun to focus on FY 11--we are well ahead of the curve when it comes to preparing for the upcoming budget. No other town that I am aware of is looking at reducing expenses in next year's budget by 5%.

- I met with two of the Selectboard members and a resident out at the Rt. 132 intersection to hear their concerns about the new island construction. I met with Andy the following day at the site. I will share a report from Andy and the state traffic engineers on the concerns that have been raised.
- I met with Steve Flanders from the NFC to go over planned capital spending on paving, arising from comments of one of the Finance Committee members who advocates a great reduction in our paving plans.
- I met with Andy up on Bragg Hill Road late Friday afternoon in response to complaints from residents—unauthorized plantings within the Town right of way adjacent to 498 Bragg Hill. I have directed Andy to have this surveyed so we know exactly where the Town line ends and the private property begins. It certainly appears that we have a resident who has undertaken some illegal activities on Town property that have constricted the road to a significant degree, activities that will hamper our highway crew's operations. I will keep you informed of this situation.
- I met with Doug Lufkin of Lufkin Printing, Judith Pond, Nancy Kramer, and Jean Law to go over the timing for next year's Town Report and make sure we are all on the same page. It should be another great report.
- I took this past Thursday and Friday as vacation days to move my family into our new condo at Norwich Meadows.
- I will be meeting with Department Heads again tomorrow morning to discuss the FY 11 budget, and your Board's guidelines.

This is a somewhat abbreviated report in that I took a number of personal days to attend to family business and finally become a Norwich resident.

Sincerely,

Pete