

**Streetscape, State Park and NBRT Projects Status Report for Town Council
October 7, 2024**

STREETSCAPE

Next Committee Meeting: 9 am Thursday 10/17, Town Conference Room

Phase V Construction contract:

- Pre-Construction (virtual) meeting held by DOH (D5) on Thursday (9/19).
- Town's concerns (especially coordination with Apple Butter Festival) provided to DOH Charleston and District 5 in advance of meeting.
- Contractor (First Fruits Inc.) agreed to set-up and start work after the Festival after October 14th.
- DOH provided the Notice to Proceed on Sep 10th and adjusted the Contract end date to Dec 8, 2024
- Contractor (Vernon Wampler) visited the Town on Oct 2nd to review the work areas, Rebecca and Rodney met with Mr. Wampler. A preliminary list of questions was generated and sent to Thrasher (Gola) and District 5 (JP Burns)
- Most questions were answered on Monday 10-7
- Currently working an issue regarding the removal of the cherry tree on Independence at North Washington Streets. Rebecca advised the Town wished to retain that tree and also the additional parking space that was provided by the plans just east of the tree. Initial measurements indicate that the tree can be saved and the additional parking space can be retained by reshaping the new curb line. Thrasher was asked to prepare a sketch with information for the Contractor on how to reshape the curb line. District 5 was informed

Phase V lighting grant application: Still awaiting news on Grant Award Schedule. Town's #1 Priority

WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant:

- Thrasher preparing cost estimate for Town Task Order
- Drafting Thrasher Task Order. Next will be DOH and Town Funding Agreement, DOH & FHWA authorization and DOH Notice to Proceed. (these are weeks or months away)
- A \$14,000 match will be required at the signing of the Funding Agreement, which has not yet been received for this design contract.

WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI construction grant application: Awaiting news on Grant Award Schedule. Town's #2 Priority

BERKELEY SPRINGS STATE PARK PROJECT

Current Status of DEP Consent Order:

- Awaiting WV-DEP Approval of the Town's Corrective Action Plan (Submitted with the payment of the Fine)

NBRT

Next Task Force Meeting would be Oct 23rd at 4 pm in County Commissioners Room

- Received this update from DOH Charleston (email to Joel Tuttle):
From Tim Sedosky: *"Please be assured we have not given up on this and i have been actively looking at alternatives. We are going to move forward one way or another. I have been discussing with the District as well as folks in our building. and yes, Gary has moved to another Division. Which in turn has impacted us. We'll be in touch."*
From Mark Scoular; *"Gary is no longer in the Planning Division. We are going to meet and try and figure out who will be taking the design of the bridges on to the next step. When that is decided I will let you guys know. Sorry for the delay"*

Pete Brown
Streetscape Committee