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To: Roy Sorenson, Municipal Services Director

From: James Danis, Capital Projects Engineer

RE: Pleasant Street / Main Street Intersection Reconstruction
Utility Underground Project Status

The intent of this letter is to provide a status update regarding the utility undergrounding project(s) related to the reconstruction of the Pleasant Street / Main Street intersection.

The communications duct bank design was completed and put out to bid on August 5, 2024. Bids were opened on August 28, 2024. Mirra Construction Company was the low bidder for the project. It is noted that Mirra completed the underground construction on the Salem Depot Project. Similar to the Salem Depot underground project, costs were divided between each of the companies housed in the duct bank. Each company's proportional share of cost was determined based on their presence in a given leg of the intersection. The Town of Salem bore additional costs as noted. With Salem managing the construction project, each communication company committed to their proportional share. Summary of cost is as follows:

	PLEASANT/MAIN UTILITY ALOCATION COSTS					
	Total Proposal	Town of Salem	Comcast	Crown Castle	First Light	Verizon
South Leg	\$ 229,537.78	\$ -	\$ 76,512.59	\$ 76,512.59	\$ 76,512.59	\$ -
East Leg	\$ 143,580.50	\$ -	\$ 35,895.13	\$ 35,895.13	\$ 35,895.13	\$ 35,895.13
West Leg	\$ 319,468.46	\$ -	\$ 79,867.12	\$ 79,867.12	\$ 79,867.12	\$ 79,867.12
Construction Inspections	\$ 63,691.00	\$ 63,691.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Police Details	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 831,277.74	\$ 138,691.00	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 115,762.24
Utility Design	\$ 49,808.00	\$ 49,808.00				
Salem Eng Design & Project Management	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00				
Project Total	\$ 901,085.74	\$ 208,499.00	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 115,762.24
Comcast Only items			\$ 112,340.34			
Salem Only Items		\$ 40,872.56				
Building Service trenches		\$ 111,994.29				
Building Service Wire work		\$ 40,527.07				
	\$ 901,085.74	\$ 401,892.92	\$ 304,615.17	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 192,274.83	\$ 115,762.24

It is important to note that Salem has committed to completing necessary service work related to power transfers. Per the Liberty Utility tariff, cost responsibility of an underground service between the transformer and the building is the responsibility of the individual landowner (customer).



Construction of the communication duct bank began the week of September 23, 2024. Duct bank construction was completed by November 4, 2024. As of the date of this memorandum each communication company is installing cables in the new communications duct bank network. Splicing activities are planned to be completed by the end of January with all existing overhead lines to be removed during the month of February.

Liberty Utilities coordination is ongoing relative to construction of the power duct bank.

Liberty Design: Project design was largely completed in August 2024 per status update provided.

Liberty Easement Acquisition: Salem extended significant effort assisting Liberty in acquisition of necessary easements for the project. The last signed easements were obtained November 6, 2024, which has not yet been filed at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Liberty Schedule: Per email response from Liberty on November 6, 2024, no forward progress will be made on the project until the PUC process has concluded. In the early stages of the project planning process, Liberty Utilities committed to completing necessary design development but has consistently maintained they will not schedule work until the PUC process is complete.

Intersection Schedule: Salem has conveyed to Liberty on multiple occasions the vital importance of the need for the power duct bank to be completed during the spring of 2025. The larger intersection reconstruction project will be completed during the summer of 2025 with construction activities planned to start in June of 2025. The power relocation project must be completed prior to work starting in the intersection. Based on past project process with the Salem Depot and current communications project progress the Liberty project will take approximately 6 months to complete all aspects of work from the date the project is put out to bid. It is critically important that Liberty Utilities commit to completing their project and begin the bidding process in January of 2025.