



Town of Williamsburg

Board of Selectmen

Also including Highway Superintendent,

Police Chief, Fire Chief,

Northampton Director of Public Works

141 Main Street, Room 203

Thursday, August 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Agenda for Meeting with Congressman John Olver

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

(9:00 in Town Office Auditorium followed by site visits)

1. Overview of the town and projects to be looked at
 - Board of Selectmen
 - Highway Superintendent Bill Turner
 - Northampton Director of Public Works Ned Huntley
 - Fire Chief Don Lawton
 - Police Chief Denise Wickland
2. Mountain Street/Northampton drainage project
 - Highway Superintendent Bill Turner
 - Northampton Director of Public Works Ned Huntley
3. River Road MEMA/FEMA project
 - Highway Superintendent Bill Turner
 - Northampton Director of Public Works Ned Huntley
4. Haydenville Fire Station/Police Station
 - Fire Chief Don Lawton
 - Police Chief Denise Wickland
5. Drive by of Schools and Williamsburg Fire Station

Snapshot of the Town of Williamsburg

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2000</u>
Population	2522 (est.)	2427
Square miles	25.63	
Roads	50.62	50.62
Budget	\$ 6,488,087 (2009)	\$ 3,404,324
Schools	3,037,329	2,184,566
Highway	490,631	327,689
Police	183,464	101,594
Fire	68,683	34,479
General	365,382	205,460
Revenues		
Property taxes	\$ 4,506,455	\$ 2,344,675
Percent of property taxes residential	91.63%	89.98%
State Aid		
Chapter 70	\$ 423,768	\$ 381,759
Lottery	266,478	276,248
Highway	150,000	49,166

Most data from the Massachusetts Division of Local Service website.

Overview of Projects

High Street/Mountain Street (Williamsburg) – Haydenville Road (Whately)

- Roughly 6 miles of road with approximately 2.75 miles in Williamsburg and 3.25 miles in Whately.
- Williamsburg is in Hampshire County and Whately is in Franklin County, putting the project in two planning organizations: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- Williamsburg is in Mass. Highway Department District 1 while Whately is in District 2.
- Northampton's backup water supply is located on this road, the Whately Reservoir, located near the town border.
- Northampton's Water Treatment facility is located on this road, in Williamsburg near the town border.
- The road connects the two towns, connects Route 9 with Routes 5 and 10 and then to Route 91 in South Deerfield.

Challenges

This road needs major repairs, reconstruction, and drainage. Both towns have done overlays on patches of the road to keep the road passable but due to cost and other needs cannot undertake the work needed. That work consists of a reconstruction of the base, new guardrails, and proper drainage.

Currently the drainage along the section near the Whately Reservoir drains into that body of water, putting it at risk for routine run off and any accidental spills that could occur on that section of road.

Rough estimate of costs are \$7 - \$9 million. State aid combined for both towns is approximately \$300,000 per year, making this project impossible for the towns to address.

River Road

River Road is in Northampton, which turns into South Main Street in Haydenville.

The Williamsburg Sewer Pumping Station is located on South Main Street just prior to the town line with Williamsburg.

The Town's main sewer pipe that connects the pumping station to the Northampton system, eventually to the Northampton Sewer Treatment Plant, runs along this road.

The sewer pipe runs mostly on the river side of South Main Street/River Road.

In the spring of 2010, a severe rainstorm took out a section of an old stone retaining wall that runs the length of River Road on the river side.

The wall is now in structural disrepair and the opening exposes the road's infrastructure and therefore the town's sewer pipe to serious damage.

The City of Northampton has filed a grant application, supported by the Town of Williamsburg. State Representative Steve Kulik and Senator Ben Downing have both weighed in with strong letters of support, as has Representative Peter Kocut and Senator Stan Rosenberg.

The Challenge

Funding the repairs to the retaining wall, some road damage, and ensuring the integrity of the sewer pipes are all urgently needed.

Grant application has been filed with MEMA and recommended for funding.

FEMA has reviewed the project and agreed to its need but has not placed the project on the priority list.

Thanks to calls from Congressman Olver's office, this project is under review.

Repairs to this structure are urgently needed and this project needs to move up the funding list.