

Buildings and Grounds

Again, our work on government buildings this year was limited due to shortage of contractors and money.

After having the task of replacing the Fire Department entry door on the “to do” list for over 10 years, it is finally done! The fire fighters did the job with the Town buying the materials.

We have just instituted a garage door maintenance program with 10 very large garage overhead doors. There are numerous repairs to the doors which are for the most part due to wear and tear with little maintenance.

This year we finally cleared all legal claims that have hindered our ability to return the Cash Market property on Depot Street to commercial use.

The Town then hired a log cabin restoration specialist to fix several areas of **log rot on the Cash Market building**. Generally, the building is in reasonable shape and it will be listed for sale sometime in 2022. The repairs in 2021 prepared the property for listing.



Mascoma Valley Preservation continued to work on the next phase of repair of the **freight house**. This year's repairs funded by the NH Moose Plate grant program focused on the roof.



Another grant of about \$10,000 was received by Mascoma Valley Preservation to replace rotted sills.

The log cabin concession stand at Williams Field received a grant from the Arthur A. Williams Foundation. The money was used to **restore the porch log support system and the east log wall** which had considerable rot.



The Williams Foundation also contributed funds that were used to buy materials that were used by the Adult Softball team members to **fix fencing and provide roofing on the dugouts at Williams Field.**

Fencing & Dugouts Before



Fencing and Dugouts After



The Town contracted for **surveying of the Cozy Corner property** in anticipation of selling the property. The Town has signed a purchase and sale agreement with Red Wagon for a 36 foot wide piece of land next to Red Wagon.

Broadband is moving forward. The Town partnered with Hub 66 to seek federal money to wire for availability high-speed broadband service to every home. The total cost would be about \$6 million dollars and would serve all of Canaan and some locations in Enfield and Lebanon.

No local money is being used. The service will have charges comparable to other provider plans and the decision to use the service is up to the individual homeowner, BUT everyone will have the same high-speed service at the road. We are one of five projects that are due to be funded and the consensus is that our application is the most advanced and ready to go. We should hear in early 2022.



Engineering is nearly complete for the first phase of the plan to **replace the water main** from Canaan Street Lake to the Village of Canaan. The pipe is well over 100 years old. The first phase will replace the line from the Lake to the water plant on Fernwood Farms Road. This phase will cost about \$550,000 and it is hoped that the line will be completed by the end of 2022.



The flood mitigation project is still moving forward. The project is with the State of New Hampshire for mandatory feasibility, environmental and historic resource reviews. The reviews have all been prepared by four different engineering firms. Once that review is done it will go to EDA for funding approval. EDA expects the application and is looking to swap some funding around including the use of federal infrastructure money to pay for the work. This is a good thing and we have been advised that it may cut our share of the costs.

The project combines NH DOT, US EDA, US ARPA and Town of Canaan funding to **replace three bridges and two trestles designed to improve water flow to reduce Village flooding.**

Canaan-NHDOT co-application and EDA award	Project Cost	90%	80%	Varies	
		EDA	NHDOT SBA	Town	
Transfer Station Road Bridge	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -	Nov-21
Orange Brook Bank Armoring	\$ 435,000	\$ 348,000		\$ 87,000	May-21
Upper Rail Trail Trestle	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 816,000		\$ 204,000	22-May
Lower Rail Trail Trestle	\$ 820,000	\$ 656,000		\$ 164,000	22-May
Potato Road Bridge	\$ 1,006,000		\$ 804,800	\$ 201,200	Nov-21
Raise Potato Road and 12' by 7' box culvert	\$ 830,000	\$ 664,000	\$ 166,000		Nov-21
	\$ 5,511,000	\$ 3,604,000	\$ 1,250,800	\$ 696,200	

Note: Town Share is fully funded.



Replacement of:

- Transfer Station Bridge
- Upper Trestle Behind William Field
- Lower Trestle Behind Dale Barney's House
- Grist Mill Hill Bridge
- Potato Road Bridge(s)

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Samson, Town Administrator