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The Glastonbury Town Council
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Re: Riverfront Park-Slope Stability
and Remediation

Dear Council Members:

The following will supplement my April 7, 2015 written report presented at the Council meeting of that same date.

Park and Boat House

Use of the park and boat house is fully operational. This includes the public boat launch, Crew Club activities, public rentals for boat storage and use of the banquet facility. The only area not available for public use involves the patio and walkway previously excavated. Over the past week+, the banquet facility hosted an event by the Glastonbury Education Foundation and a wedding reception. A major Crew Regatta was held this past weekend. All very successful. Over coming weeks there are a number of business events scheduled during weekday hours and a series of weekend rentals. All feedback from formal and informal use is highly positive.

Slope Stability and Remediation

As reported previously, the remediation solution for the slope stability and area now excavated involved 2 actions.

- Placing of rip rap at the toe of slope within the Connecticut River to provide a resisting mass sufficient to counteract soil sliding pressures.
- Reconfigure/reconstruct the area at the top of slope through the use of light-weight materials to lessen the load on the upper part of the slope.

The geotechnical engineers have concluded that reducing load and increasing resistance is the only option to effectively stabilize the slope.

State and Federal Permitting

State DEEP has authorized the installation of rip rap subject to a formal mitigation project acceptable to DEEP. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is prepared to issue its permit subject to a formal application identifying a mitigation project satisfactory to the ACOE. The preparation of a proposed mitigation project to meet both DEEP and ACOE requirements is in progress.

Schedule

Rip Rap – A competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process is underway to seek formal proposals from marine contractors for the placing of rip rap. Proposals will describe schedule, means and methods, relevant experience, costs and other factors for the Glastonbury project. This information will be available by late this month. The goal is to begin placing rip rap on July 1st.

Top of Slope – This requires formal design of options, Town review/approval, final design and competitive bidding. The goal is to have this process complete to begin top of slope remediation immediately following the rip rap project.

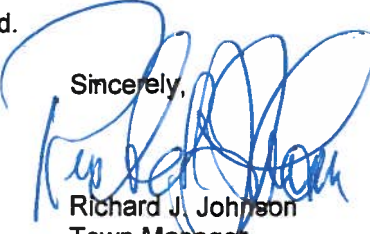
Cost Estimating and Funding

The RFP for placing of rip rap will identify costs for this work. As noted above, this information will be available by late May. The specific cost for the top of slope will be subject to the selected design alternative and competitive bidding. At this point, attention is focused on the rip rap which is most time sensitive.

The Town continues to work with the Town Attorney and legal counsel for insurance carriers representing the various professionals forming the project team. The goal is to reach a collaborative solution to funding the remediation work. However, it is quite possible that the answer to ultimate funding responsibility will be subject to litigation. This is a complicated process requiring time to work through with the various parties and legal counsel. Efforts are ongoing daily in this regard. I would not expect funding responsibility to be established before the remediation work needs to proceed. The placing of rip rap is scheduled to begin on July 1st. Time is of the essence in this regard. This will require the Town to upfront the cost of remedial work.

The April 7th status report is posted to the Town web site and this update will also be available through the Town web site.

Additional information can be provided as may be requested.

Sincerely,

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