

SUFFIELD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT – 12/4/2020

PENDING PROJECTS

1700 Mountain Road – Prides Corner Nursery of Lebanon, CT is closing on 123 acres of the former Baker Nursery property this month. Prides Corner has been on the property making improvements and getting plants into greenhouses for several weeks.

100 Marketing Drive – Rug Pad USA is working through the Transfer Act process in their purchase of the former Windsor Marketing Group building. The company manufactures and distributes rug pads across country with another facility in Reno, Nevada.

Poole Road – Four Seasons Farm purchased approximately 90 acres of land owned by Baker Nursery. In 2016, the property was approved for a large greenhouse to be used for growing hydroponic tomatoes. The first phase would be just under 12 acres of greenhouse and up to 43 acres if fully built-out.

Facility Master Plan – The town is reviewing responses to an RFQ/P for engineering and architectural services to conduct a facility master plan for select municipal and educational facilities. Work on the plan is to begin in January 2021.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

83 Mountain Road – Town Hall renovation began in July. Project on schedule to be completed by the end of January. Land use offices will be moved from leased space at 230 C Mountain Road into the building and/or town hall annex.

Remington Street Bridge – Construction began in March on \$3.8M bridge replacement project under Federal Local Bridge Program and is expected to be completed and open to traffic this month.

200 Mountain Road – Construction continues on a mixed-use project including one 4,600 SF office building and 6 condominiums on the property. Paving is complete and the first condo will be finished next week.

13 Bridge Street – Lily House B&B has removed the old garage and rebuilt it in a slightly different location to commercial standards. Moxy Boutique will have a space in the garage and the site is being modified to provide for additional parking.

OTHER

Affordable Housing Plan – Town received technical assistance grant from Dept. of Housing to develop an affordable housing plan. The RFP is drafted and expected to be issued soon. The plan should be complete in the spring 2021.

1760 Mapleton Avenue – Former culinary school has recent interest from a residential development group looking to convert the building to market rate apartments. Further interest from different groups for use as a private high school and an assisted living facility.

66 North Main Street – New owner of Webster Bank building recently submitted architectural plans to add a café to the northern section of the building and offices in the lower level. Received approval from the Design Review Board for a patio and exterior changes to the building in November.

Community Connectivity Grant & LOTCIP Grant – Two different sidewalk projects in various stages of review by State agencies. LOTCIP project heading toward final design and with construction beginning in 2021.