



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

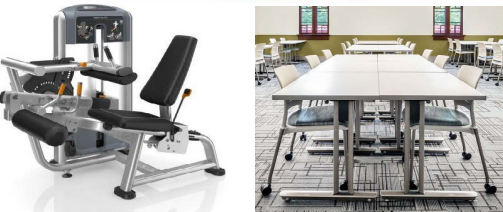
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JULY 2020




Middle School FFE Amps Up in advance of Fall Opening

Groton Middle School is abuzz with work on Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment work, or "FFE" -- critical needs with no permanent connection to structures or utilities. Here, a sneak peek at an array of coming supplies.



At right, view of a room set-up for **computer stations**, a **science lab**, colorful **cafeteria tables**, & a **classroom** with a sunny yellow décor.

For more info visit the town website, enter www.groton-ct.gov/depts/pubwks/SFICurrent

or find content on FaceBook at [Community Link-Groton School Building Program](#) 

ENGINEERING

Part of July was spent on plans for the reconstruction of portions of sidewalks and ramps which will address wear and tear and increase accessibility. The Town will put the project out to public bid and aims to finish construction in the remainder of 2020. Asphalt should not be installed when air is below 40F and concrete curing is sensitive to temperatures too, so weather must be taken into account in the planning.

There are 650,000 linear feet of sidewalks in the Town with distressed areas resolved on a rolling basis as budgeting allows in the Town's Capital Improvements Plan or "CIP." For insight into Capital projects peruse the user-friendly town budget found on the Town website at: www.groton-ct.gov/budget/fye2021-adopted



Gravel Street at Clift Street



Poquonnock Plains Park Entrance



Academy Lane at High Street

The Covid-19 Response



With the June 30 fiscal year end, communities are getting a better idea of the economic impacts of Covid-19. Recently finalized calculations for submission to FEMA found the tally of unexpected Public Works expenditures March-June at nearly \$33,000. These funds provided personal protective equipment to essential landfill, roads, and sewage treatment workers, extra cleaning for Town/Parks facilities, signs, building adaptations, & more. Traditional reimbursement via federal aid programs for municipalities is 75% and managed by the State of CT Dept. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

