TO ALL,
Please open the word attachment for a brief tutorial of the East Main Road Improvements for your comments. Failure to communicate effectively is why this major eyesore has happened.

This must be resolved, quickly and we can do it if everyone pays attention to detail and works together. To spend $9M improving East Main Road with these weed/trash pits is completely unacceptable & Ludicrous. We are all busy, however this must take a priority position to a fast track approval by all and make it happen.

I ask our Town Clerk to place this on the next Town Council Agenda for a 5 minute discussion and a strong unanimous resolution to get it done.
I am not here to waste anyone’s time. I am here because I care how our Town looks. Again $9M was the advertised budget.

Thank You All,

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To All Portsmouth Decision Makers,

On May 3rd, 2017, I attended the preconstruction meeting at RIDOT in the Big City of Providence to learn the specifics for the improvements to East Main Road and Park Avenue in Portsmouth, on Rhode Island.

Around, November of 2017 the curbing, asphalt sidewalk and dirt area in front of 3255 East Main Road was removed and the new, current design installed. This property is across from Aquidneck Pools and Spas. I am the property manager, since 2003, and my association with the property dates back to the late 1970's.

The original configuration on East Main Rd was curb, blacktop sidewalk and a grass/dirt area. The new design is curb, 18” inches of dirt, sidewalk, stonewall.

It is my understanding that this design was a result of a large, 260-page report at CRMC for water quality. I further understand the intention is for surface water to flow into this dirt area between the curb and sidewalk. This design is apparent throughout the north end of East Main Road from Village Way on both sides north.

I raised concerns relative to this design to our Town Administrator, Public Works Director and local State Representatives and our State Senator. The conclusion appears to be, per RIDOT, that these new dirt spaces are the responsibility of the Town of Portsmouth. Per RIDOT, they are only responsible for curb-face to curb-face, meaning top of curb to & including the sidewalk is the Town’s responsibility. Furthermore, it is RIDOTS contention that the town of Portsmouth signed off on this design.

Without planting a hearty grass, resistant to sand & salt, these dirt/sand/weed pits will collect trash from East Main Road. If they are grass planted, whose responsibility will it be to maintain them?

THE FIX: I recommend the following;

The Town is scheduled to demolish the 45-year-old, Portsmouth Police Station that is wrapped in red brick. I suggest we consider and Learn Fast how it can be crushed to 3/4” size and stored at Public Works.
We work with RIDOT to approve this plan, and have RIDOT do the install under a change order which they always have available to excavate 8" of dirt from top of sidewalk, install a really good quality weed mat, and fill the spaces with red crushed Police Department brick. That will eliminate all the “not thought” of responsibilities like weeds, trash, grass cutting and will allow the water on the sidewalk to flow into these locations. Same intention, much better looking.

I am always looking for the logical solution to a problem put on our Town of Portsmouth, by a State agency that doesn’t always think it through.

A toll & 19 Rhodework signs in Portsmouth are my previous endeavors. With a lot of help from my friends, Representatives and our Town Solicitor we do not have a toll. With the assistance of the Federal Highway Administer & RI Atty General’s help, the 19 RIDOT Rhode Work signs in Portsmouth are gone.

The Town of Portsmouth decision Makers must consider this and act very quickly. I am willing to donate my time, NO Charge to the Town of Portsmouth to get this organized approved and resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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