

IMPROVED PARK ACCESS: Roads & Streets Division recently re-paved a parking lot and installed 4 new spaces to increase visitor parking for **Mystic Academy Park**, at 258 High Street. The previous parking was one unpaved spot. This neighborhood ‘pocket park’ has an open field and playground with swings for children ages 5-12.

At right, do you see the jute mesh laid on the ground? This is done at paving & construction sites to help prevent soil erosion, a significant cause of water quality problems. That is why zoning regulations often call for “E&S” or **Erosion and Sedimentation** control. Some of the ways residents and business can do their part to help slow erosion is by establishing permanent vegetation on new properties; protecting existing plants, trees, & bushes; and by watering newly planted grass lightly every day or every other day to keep it moist vs. drenching less often and risking run-off.



Photo: Tom Thorndike, PWD Civil Engineer, P.E.

CONGRATULATIONS Carol Buckingham

Have a Happy, Healthy Retirement

A native New Yorker, Carol came to work for the Town nearly 24 years ago, after finishing her last active duty assignment at the Navy Subbase. She started in Facilities where she would spend 17 years as a Material Control Specialist, supporting procurement and inventory tracking.

After a brief Clerk’s office sojourn, she returned to Public Works, this time in the Fleet Division — where she will happily mark her last day March 4.

Carol and her husband, Bob, a manager at Pfizer, have lived in New London for 34 years. They raised their two children there and have grown to love the area. Carol looks forward to many coming adventures, as yet unknown, though one which is certain is a long awaited, thrice deferred trip to Ireland this May. Public Works offers best wishes and thanks to you, Carol. Slainte Mhath!



Carol offering a chipper goodbye!

Welles Road Capped Landfill & Composting Site

As capped landfills, both **Welles Road Composting** site, shown, and **Flanders Road Transfer Station** have added environmental compliance obligations. Engineering contractor ATC/One Atlas are tasked with site monitoring and visit twice a year. Though visible human use of these properties constitutes only a fraction of the acreage, both offer residents critical ecosystem services such as water cycling and filtration, plant and animal habitat, and carbon sequestration.

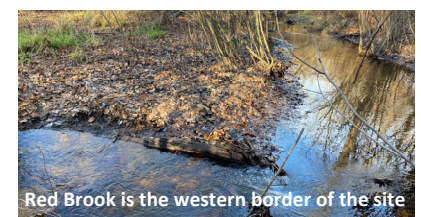
Photos: Kay Lehoux, ATC field scientist



View of the compost piles & monitoring well caps from afar



Signs or ribbons tied to brush help field staff identify sampling sites



Red Brook is the western border of the site



Stormwater outfall