

## Library Brick Replacement Finished

A routine part of brick replacement is 're-pointing' or **chipping out and replacing the old mortar**, so-called because a *pointed* trowel is used. Over time, weather can decay the joints between bricks, enabling water to encroach which risks damage. Repointing slows the aging process. One challenge of brick refurbishment is matching the color of the original bricks & mortar. Can you see where work starts and ends? The harder it is to tell, the better the job that was done!



Photos: Lindsey Zyrski, PWD Engineer/ PM



Photo: Tork Workplace Hygiene Products

## "SCRRRA" UPDATE

The Southern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority is the 12-town solid waste management consortium to which Groton belongs.

## RECYCLING

The majority of curbside recycling in Groton ends up in Willimantic at **Casella Waste Systems**, which holds the SCRRRA contract. Here, recyclables are sorted by waste type, baled, and marketed as a commodity.

Even though Groton doesn't offer curbside collection, many subdivisions and private haulers collecting here 'tip against,' or benefit by using the SCRRRA contract.

When the contract is up, SCRRRA will 're-bid', or compare new proposals. Items currently accepted include paper, cardboard, plastics (#1 & #2), and glass food containers. **The general public may assume that markets exist for most items placed in recycling bins, and that revenue is generated for SCRRRA and towns. But that is not always true.**

Yes, some materials can be sorted & used in remanufacturing, but even then, to be profitable, handling & transport costs must be less than the 'tipping', or usage fees. Unfortunately, there are not yet viable markets for every type of plastic with a triangle recycling symbol, nor for many other waste items. Thus, long term, **diversion is the goal**— keeping more and more items out of 'the waste stream'.

## Business Outreach

SCRRRA recently partnered with the **Center for Eco-Technology (CET)** to identify strategies to reduce business waste. **Their program seeks companies to participate this Fall at no cost** as part of a DEEP grant. A final report will offer action items to industry.

**Interested? Contact Director Dave Aldridge:**  
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**PWD loves Kudos** so we're happy to share this 9/18/22 email from Tam Zezulka:

*"I live on **Laurelwood Drive** and the road was recently re-paved. I want to let you all know what an amazing job was done by Public Works. I was so impressed with the **level of skill & work ethic** I saw daily for the past few weeks.*

*There was a ruptured water main at one point, and the team worked hard to ensure residents wouldn't be without water for too long. Watching them all do their specific jobs was like witnessing a **well-oiled machine**. Just wanted to say thanks! "*

