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**T**he Town Center Improvement Project is nearly complete. The Project was the first opportunity in over 100 years—since the design and construction of Town Green, to enhance the quality of Town Center by addressing pedestrian and traffic safety, parking availability, removing utility poles and overhead wires, drainage upgrades, as well as the overall appearance of the Town Center. Preservation and enhancement of the historical character of the Town Center was a crucial focus of the Project. Dozens of planted trees have made the Town Center more inviting.

The Project was a multi-year process. The initial proposal to allocate funds for the Project Design did not receive approval at Fall 2016 Special Town Meeting. After extensive efforts for public input and feedback, the Town of Weston approved the Design funds at the Spring 2017 Annual Town Meeting. At the Spring 2019 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to fund the construction of the Project. Over a four year period, the Town Center Planning Committee, in tandem with the Public Works Department, a team of engineers, landscape designers, and a planning consultant, carefully addressed the myriad of design and engineering challenges that face any project of this size. The final stages of construction for the Project coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic, this lessened impacts on traffic and expedited some construction efforts.

The Town Center Improvements would not be possible without Stephen Larocque and the countless residents of the Town of Weston who worked tirelessly on the planning, thoughtful design, and execution of the Project. This is in addition to the dedicated Town Staff, including the steadfast leadership of Town Manager, Leon Gaumond, and the Department of Public Works under the leadership of Director, Tom Cullen.

In conjunction with the recently open Art & Innovation Center (formerly the Old Library), and the ongoing renovation of the Josiah Smith Tavern, the Improvement Project expands upon the investment in Town Center. The Town Center has now maintained it’s character while supporting businesses and welcoming residents and visitors alike to Weston.

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