

Manager's Report

March 23, 2015

Constable Appointment Update

Bill Roberson would like to be appointed to Constable. He has discussed this with me and others that he will be interacting with, if appointed. Bill is also interested in doing Code Enforcement and issuing citations. A background check is in process and when completed, the Board will have the opportunity to consider an appointment.

Retirement Announcements

Three people have announced their retirements. They are the Head Librarian, the Children's Librarian and the Assistant Town Clerk / Ambulance Billing Clerk. Work has begun to fill these positions.

Neighborhood Housing Improvements

I have been discussing housing improvement programs and increased activity in Springfield with Windham Windsor Housing Trust. More to come on this later.

Unsafe Buildings

There has been a lot of ground work done related to regulatory requirements on building demolitions that will help expedite future demolitions. See this meeting's agenda item for specific buildings.

River Corridor

The March 17th meeting with the River Program Director and his regulator went very well. They were immediately agreeable to sending people here to review the river, the maps and the regulations with the goal of amending the same. They have also agreed to handle any specific permit applications prior to the completion of the revisions on an individual basis and ignore the current river corridor boundaries if the actual physical attributes of the site justify that. Springfield is the first Town making an amendment request, so we are on unplowed ground. The Director was explicit about the concept behind the new regulations and how the regulation exceptions are a positive thing for Springfield. More specifically, the regulations were designed to allow infill along highly developed river banks, such as the banks that exist in Springfield, and be more restrictive in undeveloped areas / rural towns. The legislation and the administrative rule process for the river corridor boundaries are both complete.

Our goal is to get the River Corridor boundaries identical to the flood way boundaries. We know that is a lofty goal and likely not obtainable in N. Springfield village and a few isolated locations down stream of that village.