

# **Town Manager's Report**

## **August 22, 2016**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT AWARDED**

The Town has received a no match \$34,600 grant to assist with Wastewater Infrastructure Planning / Asset Management. The funds will be used to pay Aldrich + Elliott Engineering to analysis needs, set priorities and create cost estimates. Town staff will work with A + E. This plan is a Selectboard Strategic Plan goal due September 2017.

### **VALLEY STREET BOX CULVERT**

This project is nearing completion and the street is projected to open on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **PAVING SCHEDULE FOR VALLEY STREET AND BROOK ROAD**

With the completion of the Valley Street Box Culvert near, a tentative paving schedule has been developed. The pavement milling will occur during September 6 -9. New paving will occur between September 16--26.

### **GROVE STREET CULVERT PROJECT**

The old stone culvert that was damaged during a winter rain event should be nearing completion by the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Work began on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **CAPITAL PLAN SWITCH OUT**

The replacement of a plow truck has been postponed for a year and a refurbished sidewalk maintenance machine will be purchased this year in its place. The current sidewalk machine was scheduled for replacement next year. This machine suffered a major mechanical failure making its replacement an economic necessity.

### **LIBRARY BOILER BIDS RECEIVED**

Four bids were received for the Library boilers replacement. H-B Energy was the low bidder and bid was under the budgeted amount. Bids ranged from \$56,032 to \$88,900.

### **MUCKROSS PURCHASE COMPLETE**

At long last the State notified the Town that the land to create the new state park has been finally purchased by the State.

### **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM REDUCTION ANTICIPATED**

We have had a preliminary notification from PACIF that next year we are going to enjoy a significant premium reduction ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The actual amount will be determined when next year's invoice is received during November. Our current premium is approximately \$365,000. The reduction is due to the lower number of significant claims made during 2016. The credit for the reduction goes to all members of the staff and especially Donna Hall, the Workman's Comp, Administrator and the Safety Committee.

### **SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT SEWER EXTENSION**

During the Strategic Plan process it was decided to determine what the cost would be to connect the airport to the closest municipal sewer manhole. The Public Works Department and A + E Engineering have developed the attach report. The estimate cost to make the connection is \$505,000. See the attached report for more details.