

# Town Manager's Report

## February 8, 2016

### **Toonerville Trail Extension**

The Town has partnered with Springfield Trails and Greenways (STAG) to equally split the funds needed to complete the engineering design for the trail extension from its current northern terminus to Bridge Street. \$12,167 is needed to complete the design. The design has been approved by SRDC as to its location on their land. The environmental permit will be included in the permit process currently underway through the BERA program to enable the demolition of the J&L buildings. Later this summer a grant application for construction funds will be submitted to VTrans. After the engineering has been paid there will be approximately \$33,000 remaining in Town and STAG accounts that can be used toward the construction project's match. The project's match is estimated to be \$37,500.

### **Division of Fire Safety (DFS) Inspections**

DFS has recently reported that during 2015 they conducted 344 inspections on Springfield properties. During 2014 they conducted 206. I'm appreciative of their efforts which have the impact of keeping our citizens safer.

### **Library Director hiring process**

A three person panel was formed to evaluate resumes and conduct interviews. Myself, a Library Trustee and member of the Friends of the Springfield Library are on the panel. The quality of the candidates has been very impressive. Six interviews have been completed and two finalists will be interviewed on 2/8. An employment offer will soon follow.

### **Transfer Station Review and Compost Program Beginning**

Southern Windsor Regional Planning Commission and the Solid Waste District have hired a consultant to review the five transfer stations in the district. The goals will be 1. Consider ways to maximize recycling efficiencies and revenues. 2. Propose a method to handle compostable organics 3. Investigate the viability of the of the Lebanon, NH facility use for some or all of these things.

### **69 Park Street**

Demolition bids are due on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rental Registry**

Rental Registry information is now on the Town website.

### **Industrial Park adjacent to the Prison**

We now have a map, with topographical contours, for this land and will soon have cost estimates to extend sewer and water to the site. I have discussed the access road's usage with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and we have a conceptual understanding and agreement that needs to be reduced to an agreement.

### **Residential Housing Improvements**

The Town, the School District and River Valley Technical Center have partnered to bring WorkCampNE to Springfield for two weeks during July of 2017. WorkCampNE is a summer camp program that will bring approximately 150 high school student age campers to town to make improvements on private housing.

### **Downtown Properties**

I continue to talk to owners of some downtown properties in an effort to affect some improvements and possible ownership change.