

# Town Manager's Report

## April 25, 2016

### **69 PARK ST**

Please see the bi-weekly hand written status report from the Project Manager at 69 Park St.

### **HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS) TAXATION CHANGE**

HCRS has requested it tax free status in relation to property taxes. HCRS will now only pay the town portion of its former tax bill. They will pay the town a Payment in Lieu of Taxes on the town portion of their tax bill and nothing on the school portion of their tax bill. HCRS is agreeable to paying the town portion of the tax bill because they recognize their organization uses various municipal services.

This request was made on March 18, 2016. The request was reviewed by State Property Value and Review Division and the Springfield Town Attorney and everyone is in agreement that HCRS has a tax free status.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTANT HIRED**

Suzanne Ellis, an HR consultant, has been hired to revise the Personnel Rules and Regulations, update the job descriptions town wide and create a foundation to hire a part-time HR Manager. The Personnel Rules and Regulations have not be updated since 1983 and job descriptions are also out dated. This will be a cost effective way to organize the HR department and enable the Town to hire a part-time HR Manager that is less experienced than we had been trying to hire. The search for a new part-time HR Manager with the skills to operate the HR department independently was not successful.

### **MAIN STREET PAVING**

The new traffic lights control system is complete. Pavement grinding will begin during late April.

### **CLINTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The soil test boring schedule was delayed due to a delayed approval of the boring plan by the Department of Environmental Conservation. State personnel had been solely committed to the PFOA contamination situation in southwest Vermont and it took weeks to get a response. The construction bid date will likely be rescheduled for a second time to May 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUMMER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE**

A contract has been awarded to Bazin Brothers Trucking Inc. for the Valley Street Box Culvert. The bids are tabulated below:

Bazin Brothers	\$191,996.00
Willey Earthmoving Corp.	\$265,701.00
Gurney Brothers	\$273,401.00
A. S. Clark & Sons	\$296,484.80

A contract was awarded to Vermont Roadworks for paving. The bids are tabulated below:

Vermont Roadworks, LLC	\$851,482.00
Springfield Paving	\$903,806.00
United Construction	\$932,227.00
Pike Industries	\$969,227.00

### **ROUTE 5 PAVEMENT PROJECT**

This summer VTrans will repave Route 5 from the southern Town Line to the northern intersection of Old Connecticut River Road and Route 5. There will also be re-pavement done in Rockingham on the same route.