



Report of the Town Manager

October 7, 2019

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Tax Collector will be holding an auction at the Winchendon Town Hall on October 23rd on the following properties:

PROPERTY ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	LOT SIZE - ACRE	REQUIRED DEPOSIT	ASSESSED VALUE	OUTSTANDING TAXES	TAX POSSESSION DATE	PROPERTY INFO & DESCRIPTION (example: 2 family, vacant lot, single family)
33 Morse Avenue	5B2-51	0.25		\$114,000	31,699.43	5/21/2018	property card states 2 family operated as single family
Morse Avenue	5B2-50	0.11		\$4,500	625.20	5/21/2018	vacant lot w/ house above
25 Nash Road	4-48	0.87		\$95,000	11,762.72	8/7/2019	single family
122 Hale St	8A1-24	.79		\$127,800	14,186.50	9/27/2018	single family
20 Mechanic St	5B2-77	0.21		\$172,600	31,593.09	4/2/2019	2 family

Anyone who is interested in obtaining more information on any of the properties should contact the Tax Collector's Office at (978) 297-0152.

- b. The FY19 Balance Sheet has been submitted to DOR for review and Free Cash certification.
- c. The FY20 Fall Town Meeting warrant will be presented to the Finance Committee for their consideration on Wednesday, October 9th.
- d. I have taped a tv show that will be airing this week through Town Meeting to provide additional background on all of the articles on the Fall Town Meeting warrant. Chief Smith will be taping a show on Tuesday about the Fire Station proposal until Town Meeting.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. There are no personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The EPA has begun work to remove the former Diehl building. An excavator is on site now and demolition will begin shortly. The EPA received the court order they need to demolish the former Alaska Freezer building on October 2nd. Demolition will commence on that property after the Diehl demolition is complete. Work will continue until complete or it becomes too cold. I would like to thank MassDEP and the EPA for their assistance and funding this project. The EPA estimates the cost of this project to be \$2 million. Once the former Diehl building is down I would suggest the Town pursue a brownfield grant to assist with the cleanup of the land. If the Town is tax deeded the former Alaska Freezer property I would

recommend following the same path to prepare the properties for future redevelopment.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. The Town Manager's Office recently received a complaint about a door to door salesman soliciting residents to move to a different electric supplier instead of National Grid or Town's Community Choice Power Supplier Dynegy Energy Services. This individuals name is Jared and does not have a solicitation permit from the town. He has been told he needs one but doesn't seem interested in obtaining the necessary permit. If he comes to your door please excuse yourself and call Winchendon Police Dispatch at (978) 297-1212.