



Report of the Town Manager

September 23, 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 fiscal year has been closed. Free Cash was has been submitted to the Department of Revenue at \$1,355,999.
- c. The FY19 financial audit began on September 17th.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. There are no personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. Front Street, from School St. to Hill St. will be paved during the week of October 23rd.
- b. All streets paved this summer have now been striped. They include:
 - River St. from town line to the top of Tannery Hill
 - Spring St from Blair Square to Grout Park
 - The entire length of West Street.
 - The entire length of Royalston Rd. north
 - The entire length of Central St.
 - The entire length of Otter River Road
 - Front Street from Tannery Hill to Spring Street
- c. Repairs to any fire hydrants currently out of service will be completed by the end of October.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. The property located at 8 Front Street was deeded to the Town for past due taxes. Currently there are four small businesses working out of the building on the property. I have been working with legal counsel and the business owners to provide a reasonable amount of time to allow the businesses to relocate. I will have a proposal for the Board's consideration at the Board's first meeting in October.
- b. The Town of Winchendon is pleased to announce it has entered into a 36-month agreement with Dynegy Energy Services ("Dynegy") to bring energy cost-savings to the Town's residents and businesses through its Community Choice Power Supply Program. Starting with the December 2019 meter reads, Winchendon's ratepayers can enjoy the stable rate of \$0.10304/kWh throughout the entire term of the contract. The Town will be using 100 percent green energy, derived from National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates. When compared to National Grid's Basic Service rate of \$0.13982, participating residents in Winchendon will see an average savings of 26 percent in their monthly energy bills during the 2019-2020 winter. Those savings equate to a combined average savings of more than \$59,700 per month during those winter months. Residents can expect to see an average savings of eight percent over the term of the contract providing a combined average savings of more than \$551,000 for the town's residential ratepayers during the contract term. All participating residents in Winchendon will be automatically switched to Dynegy as of the December 2019 meter reads. This change will be noted on the December 2019 bills and will be seen on the January 2020 bills.
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