



## **Report of the Town Manager**

### **March 11, 2019**

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#### **1. Financial Updates-**

- a. I am scheduled to present the final version on my recommended FY20 budget to the Selectmen and Finance Committee on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Once you have had an opportunity to review my proposed budget please let me know what questions you have so I can provide you the information you need.
- b. I will be seeking the Finance Committee's approval to transfer \$60,000 from the Snow and Ice reserve into the Snow and Ice account to cover the current overexpenditure at their next meeting.

#### **2. Personnel Updates-**

- a. Susan Kowaleski was hired as a Part time Animal Control Officer in the Police Department.

#### **3. Project Updates-**

- a. The Fire Department building repairs will be started on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The contractor expects to complete the work by April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is still no timetable for the return of the ladder truck.

#### **4. Miscellaneous Updates -**

- a. I was contacted by an attorney representing Brandywine requesting a meeting to discuss the redevelopment of White's Mill with myself and other staff. I offered dates and am awaiting his response.
- b. Al Gallant, Jim Abare, David Koonce, Tracy Murphy and I attended a meeting at Brandywine on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to hear an update on the plan to breach the White's Mill Dam. The engineering firm representing Brandywine has an aggressive schedule that shows the dam being breached in the fall of 2019. With approvals needed from a number of the State agencies and Winchendon Conservation Commission, a fall breach seems optimistic. Town staff will be reviewing the Expanded Environmental Notification Form completed by Brandywine's engineer and submitting written comments to the State's Energy and Environmental Affairs Office. The engineer's report is on the Town website if anyone is interested in reviewing the document.