



Report of the Town Manager

July 13, 2020

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Accounting Office has begun closing the FY20 year. I anticipate a shortfall in the actual vs. estimated revenues but should have unexpended appropriations to more than cover the revenue shortfall.
- b. The CARES Act funding awarded to the Town was \$961,998. In addition, FEMA has declared a state of emergency allowing the Town to be reimbursed 75% for COVID related items. The CARES Act funding is used for items not eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Below is a breakdown of the expenses incurred through July 8th for each of the funding programs.

<u>Funding Program</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>	<u>Comments</u>
FEMA Core Services	\$97,274	\$58,000 expended on Fire Dept. OT, \$8,800 spend on cleaning Senior Center after Tow elections.
FEMA Expanded Health Mission	\$6,586	Supplies purchased to control social distancing
FEMA-Services to Support Residents	\$22,946	School lunch deliveries
CARES Act Funding	\$302,781	\$198,061 expended on school distant learning, \$64,576 on Library technology for remote work, and \$34,175 for the Town's 25% FEMA contribution

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. There are no personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The Town was notified on July 8th by MASSDOT that the Central Street project has been deferred until the summer of 2022. I have a call into MASSDOT to lobby to have the project returned to its original construction schedule of 2021.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. The second phase of environmental testing at 4 Summer Street began last week. Testing will include searching for underground storage tanks and hazards in building materials. This work is being funded by a grant from the MRPC.

- b. After becoming aware of a number of wetland violations around Lake Monomonac, a letter from the Planning Office was sent to all lake area residents in late June. The intent is to have a solid foundation so that everyone in that area knows that any work within 100' of the water requires Conservation Commission permissions. Unfortunately, the violations continue to occur. I will be requesting the Conservation Commission to consider levying a fine to property owners who violate the wetland bylaws to show that the Town is serious about protecting our wetlands, which include Lake Monomonac.