



Report of the Town Manager

April 24, 2017

1. Financial Updates-

- a. Donna Spellman, Bill Schlosstein and I participated in a conference call with the bond rating company Standard and Poor's on Thursday. We discussed the current financial condition of Winchendon in hopes Standard and Poor's will improve the Town's bond rating.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. There are no personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The contractor for Cumberland Farms will begin removing the two houses, former Town storage garage and the existing Cumberland Farms building on Monday, April 24th. Demolition will take only a few days. I have offered to allow the contractor to park their site trailer behind the Town Offices during construction. That trailer will be delivered shortly after the demolition has been completed.
- b. Public Works will begin flushing hydrants during the week of April 24th. There may be some temporary water discoloring due to the flushing. Residents are urged to run their water inside the house for a few minutes to clear up the discoloring.

4. Miscellaneous Updates -

- a. Al Gallant and I attended an MRPC Transportation Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday to discuss the Commonwealth's 10 Year Road Plan. Tentatively Winchendon is programmed to have Route 202 resurfaced from the Templeton line to Main Street and Central Street reconstructed in 2020. The estimated costs are \$1,807,245 and \$3,844,800 respectively. Over the next couple of years the Town will need to fund engineering work on the design of Central Street. I don't know what those costs will be at this time.
- b. Board members may have notice the increased presence of police officers monitoring traffic around Blair Square. There have been some complaints about speed in the area so the Police Chief has instructed officers to run radar in the area. Motorists are primarily receiving warnings unless they have been stopped multiple times.