



Report of the Town Manager

January 9, 2017

1. Financial Updates-

- a. Town Accountant Bill Schlosstein will attend the Board's January 23rd meeting to present the Board with an update on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget six months through the fiscal year.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. The Firefighter union has requested to begin collective bargaining on a successor collective bargaining agreement. Their current agreement expires June 30, 2017.

3. Project Updates-

- a. I received an e-mail from Onyx Renewable Partners regarding the solar field at the Transfer Station. Onyx is finalizing the design of the project and has begun purchasing the solar field equipment. Onyx has hired Miller Brothers as their contractor who intends to begin the construction mobilization process by delivering a construction trailer to the site during the week of January 9th.
- b. The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources has reviewed Winchendon's application to become a Green Community and had no questions or comments that needed further followup. Awards are expected by the end of January. A big thanks to Tracy Murphy for the work she did to complete the application.
- c. The replacement of the Town Hall furnace is tentatively scheduled to begin during the week of January 9th. The only delay will be the delivery of a propane tank or scheduling the asbestos removal.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. Through January 1st the Public Works Department has spent approximately \$132,930 for snow and ice removal. The total Snow and Ice budget is \$184,000. There are funds available to be transferred from the Health Insurance line item to cover any reasonable Snow and Ice budget overage.