



Report of the Town Manager

January 8, 2018

1. Financial Updates-

- a. I am trying to schedule a Tri-Board meeting for Monday, January 22nd. The main purpose of the meeting is to provide an update to all three Boards on the Town's finances half way through the fiscal year.
- b. Public Works has had to restock sand and salt due to the snow and ice during the month of December. In addition, a sander body rusted out and could not be repaired. A new sander body was purchased for \$16,000. The salt shed is currently full but to do so Public Works has expended \$164,000 of their \$210,000 Snow and Ice budget. At the Tri-Board meeting I will be seeking Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee approval to transfer funds from the Snow and Ice reserve line item in the Finance Committee's budget. The FY18 reserve is \$93,000.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. Michael Breau has been hired to fill an open Equipment Operator position in the Department of Public Works.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The Walnut Street Reconstruction project will be bid in late January with a bid opening in February. Work is anticipated to begin in the spring.
- b. The Town's engineering firm, Tighe and Bond will present a more complete set of plans for the Central Street reconstruction project at the Board's February 12th meeting. In addition, Tighe and Bond will present concept plans for a rotary and traffic signal at the Blair Square intersection. I would like to apply for a Mass Works grant for the project but need to know which type of intersection the Board prefers prior to beginning that application process.
- c. I participated in a conference call between National Grid and Onyx Energy regarding the solar project at the Transfer Station. National Grid indicated that project remains scheduled to go live by the end of June, 2018.

4. Miscellaneous Updates -

- a. The Planning Board had a meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd to discuss the development of a Marijuana Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board voted to support zoning to allow a recreational marijuana facility to be located on Central Street. The bylaw is not completed at this point. I am concerned about the impact of having a recreational marijuana located in the center of town.
- b. The new DPW truck will be delivered during the week of January 8th.