



Report of the Town Manager January 14, 2019

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Fiscal Year 2020 budget worksheets have been distributed to Department Heads. They are due back to me by February 14th.
- b. The Capital Planning Committee has met twice over the past couple of weeks to review funding requests and develop a funding plan to present to the Board in February.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. Scott Betourney was hired as a Water Operator 1
- b. Vasken Karakiouziani was hired as a DPW Operator 1.
- c. I am be starting sitting down with three unions this week to begin negotiations. I expect to be sitting down with a fourth union shortly.

3. Project Updates-

- a. Templeton Power and Light finished the LED upgrade for the remaining street lights during the week of January 7th.
- b. Sixteen firms requested copies of the Fire Station Addition/Renovation Feasibility Study RFQ. A pre-bid walkthrough with interested bidders was held on Tuesday, January 8th. RFQ responses are due January 31st.

4. Miscellaneous Updates -

- a. MassDOT notified the Town that Winchendon's Complete Streets Grant application for paving of sidewalks was not funded. MassDOT suggested that we apply for multimodal projects as strictly sidewalk applications do not score high enough to get funded. Grants totaling \$10 million were submitted, \$3 million were funded. Tracy Murphy is going to work with the School Department to apply for sidewalk improvements through the Safe Routes to School program.
- b. I expect to have an estimate to remove the asbestos and demolish the buildings at 283 and 275 Lincoln Ave. Extension next week. I anticipate the cost being nearly \$300,000.