



Report of the Town Manager June 25, 2018

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Town was informed that the cost of recycling will be going up dramatically in July. Al Gallant and I will attend a July Board meeting to present options and a recommendation on what, if any changes in recycling should be considered to minimize the impact from the increased costs.
- b. The next Tri-Board meeting that is being hosted by the School Committee is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. No personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The Chestnut Street Notice to Proceed was issued on June 11th. Construction will begin June 18th with the project being substantially complete by August 25th.
- b. The Old Gardner Road parking lot that is used for the bike path has been scheduled to be graded and paved. Funds for this project are begin provided by the Bike Trail Fund. Thank you to Cindy Boucher and her committee for the funding.
- c. I will be meeting with a potential donor who is interested in funding improvements to the bike trail parking lot property on the corner of Glennallen and Route 12. The funding would expand the parking lot, plant grass and trees, install picnic tables as well as a variety of other improvements.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. The deadline for Brandywine Farms, Inc. to appeal the Land Court’s Decision on the ownership and flow rights to the Red Dam and Lake Monomonac Dam was June 18th. No appeal was filed. Therefore, the Town retains ownership of both dams. .
- b. The Winchendon Housing Authority has donated a used ¾ ton pickup truck to the Town. The Fire Department will use the donated truck for inspections and other errands around town reducing the use of the existing pickup truck that carries the forest fire equipment.
- c. Board members may have noticed road grindings being spread at the DPW garage. Mass. Broken Stone, who was the contractor for the Route 12 paving job, used the DPW garage as a place to stockpile extra grindings. To reduce the dust and as a thank you for allowing Mass. Broken Stone to stockpile at the DPW garage, Mass. Broken Stone spread some of their grindings on the DPW property. The grindings acquired by the town were not used at the DPW garage, nor were DPW staff.
- d. I have approved a request to place signs on town property publicizing the 2nd Annual Art and Music Festival on July 21st. The event is being held at the Templeton Fish and Game for the Estelle R. Ford Future Nurses Scholarship Fund that has benefitted Winchendon residents in the past.

