



Report of the Town Manager

October 16, 2017

1. Financial Updates-

- a. Bill Schlosstein has provided DOR with the Town's FY17 financial information. Free Cash may be certified for the Board meeting on October 16th.
- b. The Finance Committee's public hearing on the Fall Town Meeting warrant is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. Seth Petalas left employment as an equipment operator at Public Works.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The bids were received for the sally port construction at the Police Department. The results are summarized below and are very disappointing. The engineer's estimate used for the Spring Town Meeting approval of \$691,000 is well under the low bid of \$967,000. Chief Walsh and I are meeting with the project architect on October 18th to discuss any viable options to move the project forward. I anticipate an agenda item on the Board's October 30th meeting to present any options to the Board.

GC E-Bid : List of bids received 10/05/17 02:00 PM Winchendon Police Dept. - Sally Port Addition 821256					
Company	Bid Price (Whole Dollar)	DCAMM Update Statement (Parts 1 - 7)	Bid Package	Action	Comments
Construction Dynamics Inc., 65 Parker Street, Clinton, MA 01510	\$967,000.00	View File	View File	Approve Reject	
Souliere & Zepka Const. Inc., 5 Spring St., Adams, MA 01220	\$990,000.00	View File	View File	Approve Reject	
Mill City Construction, 7 Old Great Road, Lincoln, RI 02865	\$1,068,241.00	View File	View File	Approve Reject	

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4. Miscellaneous Updates -

- a. The Fall Festival appears to have been a huge success. Many thanks goes to the members of the Winchendon Business Group, all of the local vendors who participated and many members of the Town staff who volunteered their time to help make the day so successful.
- b. I participated in a conference call regarding aggregated electricity rates for residents of the town for the upcoming year. I locked in a two year rate of .10352 per kilowatt hour. The current National Grid rate is \$.12673 per kilowatt hour. The rate for the upcoming year did increase from the current rate of .093663. The supplier has also changed from Constellation to Verde.
- c. With the Finance Committee Chair, I have set up department tours that will allow the Fin. Comm. to visit and view the department's buildings and equipment in an effort to better understand future budget requests. The department tours have been confirmed below. If any Board member would like to join the Finance Committee, please let me know.

October 17th – Police Department
 November 14th – Public Works Department
 December 12th – Fire Department
 January 9th – Senior Center
 February 13th – Library