



Report of the Town Manager

July 19, 2021

1. Financial Updates-

- a. Preliminary tax bills are due this upcoming Monday, August 2nd.
- b. The final warrant for FY21 was issued last week, and year end wrap up is nearing completion.
- c. After a conversation with the property owner, taxes for the Brandywine property are now paid in full.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. N/A

3. Project Updates-

- a. The Town Manager, DPW, and Planning/Development have been meeting regularly to discuss Blair Square. We met with three firms - TEC will be doing preliminary studies, traffic counts, and surveys from Lincoln Ave to Beech St.
- b. I met with the architect for the Library restoration project. We are currently reviewing unbudgeted pieces of the scope including lighting upgrades.
- c. The Winchendon Community Park project is moving forward, and will be going before Planning and Zoning this week for feedback.
- d. Preliminary testing is complete on the Beech St property. Phase 2 testing will take place this month.
- e. I met with members of our Statehouse Delegation and MVOC to tour the Poland and Streeter schools. This project is on track, and will more than likely be breaking ground in spring 2023 depending on availability of funding sources.
- f. I walked the 4 Summer property with Sen. Gobi and Rep. Zlotnik to highlight the economic development initiatives we are pushing forward off Central St. Interior hazardous material remediation is now complete on the structure, with exterior work to take place through the fall, interior in the winter.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. Our team received a \$400,000 Complete Streets Grant for infrastructure improvements along Maple Street. This will link the spring 2022 work on Central Street with the Winchendon Community Park and Amphitheater.
- b. A ribbon cutting was held in late June for Simply Grounded Yoga Studios located on 5 Summer Drive. Congratulations to Stephanie Simon for taking the initiative to bring this new business to town.
- c. I met with representatives from the Brandywine property to discuss a path forward for the project. We also walked the property to better understand some of the potential in the area.
- d. The pop up “Bull Yard” on Central Street was well received by the community. I followed up with Public Safety and no complaints were brought forward.
- e. I toured Memorial Elementary with Superintendent of Schools Thad King last week. We have been touring every school on a biweekly basis to better understand potential infrastructure needs throughout the community.