

Report of the Town Manager

December 10, 2012

1. **Personnel Updates-** None.

2. **Financial Updates-**

- i) **FY 13 Budget-** While we have received news accounts from the Governor indicating his intention to enact mid-year budget cuts, to date the cuts identified would have very little impact on the General Government budget. He did forecast, however, his intention to seek legislative approval to enact additional cuts in General Government Local Aid. To date the Legislature, through leadership, has stated that it will not approve such cuts but time will tell.

Action Requested- None requested.

3. **Project Updates-**

- a. **Solar Farm-** There is no update to offer at this meeting other than that the project is still very much alive and well.

Action Requested- None requested.

4. **Miscellaneous Updates-**

- a. **Animal Control Officer Request for Proposals (RFP)-** The RFP for regionalizing ACO services has been finalized by Ashburnham, Westminster and us. The bid packet should hit the street this week. I have attached a copy of the document in your packet for your information.

Action Requested- None at this time.

- b. **Municipal Electricity Aggregation Consulting Services RFP-** Pursuant to the vote taken at the recent Special Town Meeting, and our discussion at your last meeting, I have filed the MGL 268A Disclosure letter (Copy attached) and I am releasing the RFP for Consulting Services. As earlier reported, the RFP I am issuing is the same RFP utilized by Lancaster, Lunenburg and Marlboro.

Action Requested- None at this time.

- c. **Water and Sewer System Contract Operations RFP-** We will have reached the end of the Contract for the Operations of our water distribution and wastewater collection systems effective the end of March of 2013. We are currently working with the Town of Westminster to potentially issue a regionalized RFP for these services in both Towns. I will report more as it becomes warranted.

Action Requested- None at this time.