

Report of the Town Manager

January 14, 2013

1. Personnel Updates-

- a. Animal Control- As I earlier reported, we joined Ashburnham and Westminster in issuing a joint request for proposals for a regional Animal Control Service. The deadline for submittals was this past week and while 5 packets were pulled, no one submitted a proposal. One potential proposer had intended to do so but had a medical issue that precluded him from being able to get it done. We are evaluating the matter and will likely be going out again.

Action Requested- None.

2. Financial Updates-

- a. FY 13 Budget- Department Heads are working on their budgets and each is due to be submitted to my office no later than February 14, 2013. (Budget memo enclosed) The Governor will be releasing his FY14 budget proposal on January 24, 2013 and will be addressing the opening session of the MMA on the 25th.

Action Requested- None requested.

3. Project Updates-

- a. Solar Farm- Sun Edison has confirmed my suspicion that I articulated at your last meeting that some of the delay is tied to the condition of the financial market. There is currently a surplus of S-RECs in the marketplace and a corresponding drop in their value. Sun Edison's North East Representative acknowledged that our project is an "orphan" in that it was negotiated by Axio Power and inherited by Sun Edison when they bought Axio. He says that Sun Edison would never have agreed to the deal that Axio did. I was assured that Sun Edison was placing a priority on analyzing the economics of the deal against the current and projected market realities and that they will have a report soon detailing their plans moving forward.

Action Requested- None requested.

4. Miscellaneous Updates-

- a. Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Schedule- Enclosed please find a DRAFT calendar for the upcoming Town Meeting cycle. This is the 14th version of this calendar I have prepared since coming to serve here in Winchendon. Assuming that the third Monday of May is the Town Meeting, the dates shown on the document provide the most time allowed for the opening and closing of the warrant and all steps in between.

Action Requested- Let's discuss and if it is your pleasure please vote the calendar.

- b. Municipal Electricity Aggregation Request for Proposals for Consulting Services- The advertisement for the RFP for soliciting a consultant to develop a program to

aggregate the electrical load of electricity users within the Town, both residential and commercial, has been submitted to the newspaper. It will run this week and proposals are due back February 14, 2013.

Action Requested- None.

Executive Session:

Real Estate
Personnel