

Report of the Town Manager

June 9, 2014

1. **Personnel Updates-** None.

Action Requested-

2. **Financial Updates-**

- a. **FY15 Transfer Station Fees-** Please see the enclosed recommendation for certain fee changes made by Superintendent John Deline.

Action Requested- Review and discuss.

- b. **FY14 Budget-** As we wind our way into the last month of the FY14 budget I have imposed a spending freeze as we are trending right against the line. Town Accountant Allard and Town Treasurer Collector Spellman are both actively engaged in monitoring the expense side while driving the recognition of all available revenues.

Action Requested- None requested.

3. **Project Updates-**

- a. **Pipeline Proposal-** You should each have received (and will have included in your packets again) correspondence from Ms. M.J. Galat regarding the proposed Kinder Morgan gas pipeline.
- A meeting notice for June 18th at 7:00pm at the Greenfield Community College regarding “the Law” and “Municipal Rights”.
 - Additionally you will have seen and see again here, that Ms. Galat is seeking your/our input regarding what she proposes to be a citizen petitioned special town meeting to vote a referendum to ban the pipeline from town.

Action Requested- Review and discuss.

- b. **Paving-** The state will begin resurfacing work on Route 12 from the Ashburnham line to just past Glenallen Street. Additionally, Public Works Director Deline has roadwork scheduled for Ash Street, Summer Drive and a portion of Juniper throughout the paving season.

Action Requested- None requested.

- c. **Police Station Project-** The design engineer has been hard at work with every team member working diligently to meet schedule projections. As of today the plan moving forward will see:
- Review site Planning Board Site Plan Approval schedule milestones

1. § June 6th: Advertisement to newspaper
2. § June 16th: Plans available for viewing
3. § June 17th: Advertisement published in newspaper
4. § July 1st: Final Plan submission / Public Hearing / P&Z presentation

Action Requested- None requested.

4. **Miscellaneous Updates-**

- a. **Church Services on the Cable Channel 8-** We have received a request from the United Parish to air their Sunday services midweek. My recommendation to you as the Cable Commissioners is that this be allowed and that each other church in town be provided the same opportunity.

Action Requested- Review and discuss.

- b. **Red Sox Promotion-** The Red Sox Marketing and Promotions Department is offering the Town of Winchendon block tickets at a discounted rate for a game this summer. Please see the attached information.

Action Requested- Review and discuss.

- c. **Szoc Update-** As you have no doubt been reading, we are in receipt of several letters/emails yet again from Michael P. Szoc regarding his ongoing concerns related to land at Old Boston Road. As you will no doubt further recall, this issue has been addressed in the past just not to Mr. Szoc's satisfaction. Accordingly, he writes again. As this matter has already been before counsel I have again asked for a recommendation from Kopleman and Paige. The draft recommendation is enclosed in your packets.

Action Requested- Review and discuss.