



## **Report of the Town Manager**

### **October 17, 2016**

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#### **1. Financial Updates-**

- a. The annual audit begins on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Bill Schlosstein expects the audit to go very smoothly.

#### **2. Personnel Updates-**

Nothing to report this week.

#### **3. Project Updates-**

- a. The water storage tank bids were received and opened. The low bidder was DN Tanks at \$149,800. DN Tanks is the company who constructed the tanks and will be performing warranty work as well. There was \$180,000 budgeted for in the FY17 budget. The tank repairs will not occur until spring.
- b. Public Works and Community Development will be meeting with representative from Tighe and Bond to finalize plans for bidding on the Walnut Street project that is being funded through the CDBG grant.

#### **4. Miscellaneous Updates –**

- a. I received information about a sewer debt relief program being offered by the state. To be eligible for the program debt service is defined as permanent debt issued on or after January 1, 1990 for a term greater than five years for water pollution control projects. Winchendon did issue debt for two projects after 1990 but received financing through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. Projects which received state grants are ineligible and projects financed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust are “generally ineligible”. I spoke to the contact listed at the State who confirmed that the purpose the debt was issued for (wastewater plant improvements, pipe expansion etc.).
- b. Cumberland Farms has scheduled the closing on the storage garage behind the Town Offices for Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. The Water Department is required every three years to complete copper and lead testing in the public water system. The test is comprised of sampling water from twenty random homes approved by DEP. That sampling will begin shortly. DEP is also requiring the Murdock, Memorial and Toy Town schools to be tested. Copper and lead have never been detected in past water samplings.