

Report of the Town Manager April 8, 2019

1. Financial Updates-

a. There are no financial updates this week.

2. Personnel Updates-

a. Raymond O'Brien has resigned as an Equipment Operator.

3. Project Updates-

- a. Public Works has resumed working on Grout Park. Curbing is being prepared for installation. Grading will begin next week in preparation for paving the parking lot expansion.
- b. Patching of pot hole continues to be ongoing daily as weather allows.
- c. The annual water ban is goes into effect on May 1st.
- d. The dam on Lake Monomanac will start being filled on April 8th
- e. The sidewalk and street sweeper are ready to be used. Street sweeping will begin once the pot holes have been addressed.
- f. Fire hydrant flushing will begin April 10th and will continue for approximately six weeks. Signs announcing the upcoming flushing will be placed throughout town this week. A town wide Code Red announcement will also be sent.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

a. Preparation for the 2020 Census has begun. Tracy Murphy will be the main contact for Winchendon. There are three changes that have been proposed in Winchendon. Currently, Winchendon is comprised of two tracts, an eastern tract and a western tract that is shared with the entirety of Royalston. The MRPC is recommending that the western tract is split along the town boundary so that Royalston and western Winchendon are their own separate tracts. This proposed split will be very helpful when utilizing census data because a lot of data is only available at the tract level and currently, it is impossible to accurately parse out demographic data for western Winchendon from tract data. I have attached the proposed census tracts to this update for your review.

