



Report of the Town Manager

February 27, 2023

1. Financial Updates-

- a. Cherry Sheet estimates have been received from the Governor's Office and are actively being reviewed by our team.
- b. Department Budgets are nearing completion, with final numbers on track for a March 14th presentation of the draft budget in a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. Interviews have been held for the Assistant Treasurer/Collector role. The successful candidate will be announced shortly.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The Library project is moving along. They have started the process of closing up walls and ceilings, and we are on budget to date.
- b. Bids came in high for the soil remediation at 4 Summer Drive. I am working with our LSP in an effort to secure additional funding (roughly \$100,000) from MassWorks. If unable to attain more funding we will work on scope reduction.
- c. Bid Documents are close to finalized for Phase 1 Repairs of the Old Murdock. I will bring a copy of the documents before the Board for review at an upcoming meeting to better inform the public of what work is being done this summer.
- d. Bids have come in for the removal of the hydraulic lifts, oil drums, and other hazardous materials at the Beech St Garage. This cleanup will be scheduled for some time in March. Once complete we will be able to narrow down a schedule for removal of the structure. We are anticipating as early as early spring, but no later than mid-summer (depending on what is found during the cleanup).
- e. A meeting was held with MassDOT to review the current phase of the Blair Square design. Representatives from the state will be joining us this week for a site visit to walk the intersection.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. As a reminder to the community, a Special Town Meeting is being held on Monday, March 13th at 7pm at Murdock High School.
- b. A meeting has been scheduled in April with the North Central Chamber of Commerce to discuss future plans for the RHI Building and other underutilized downtown structures.