



Report of the Town Manager

January 11, 2021

1. Financial Updates-

- A grant was submitted on January 5th in the amount of \$300,000 to provide Safe Routes to Schools and Safe Routes for Seniors by enhancing a vital walking route that connects the Murdock High School, Memorial Elementary School, Broadview Assisted Living Center and multiple residential areas with the downtown commercial area. The existing sidewalks are uneven, less than 5 feet wide, and in disrepair. The sidewalks will be removed and rebuilt to be ADA-compliant, at least 5-6 feet wide, and include improved transitions across driveways along Central Street and Elmwood Road from the intersection of Maple St. to Memorial Dr. This grant enhances the town's ADA curb ramp project already initiated in this area.
- Tracy Murphy has been exploring grant opportunities to offset a portion of the cost to repair Old Murdock and construct a new fire station. There are USDA grants available for each project. Applications for funding will be submitted. Each grant has a maximum award of \$50,000. A Robinson Broadhurst grant application has been submitted for Old Murdock repairs in the amount of \$608,000.
- Monty Tech has informed the Town that a credit of \$1,246 will be given toward the FY21 appropriation.
- The January 25th Selectmen's meeting will include a Tri-Board meeting to review the FY22-FY26 Five Year Financial Forecast, FY21 financial review after six months of the fiscal year and a draft FY22 Town Manager budget

2. Personnel Updates-

- Lynn Nystrom was hired as the Tax Collector/Treasurer with a starting date of January 25th. Ms. Nystrom is currently the Treasurer/Assistant Tax Collector for the Town of Philipson.
- First responders will continue to receive their COVID vaccines during the week of January 11th.

3. Project Updates-

- The Mellen Road survey work has been completed. The survey company will be meeting with town staff during the week of January 11th to review the survey.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- I have no miscellaneous updates.