

Town Manager Report/Updates. February 18, 2021  
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### **Snow and Ice Update**

The Department of Public Works continues to work hard to keep our roads treated and plowed. The challenges of this season relate more to the long duration storms, with significant need for chemical applications.

Please be advised that the entire snow budget will be expended this year. Under the provisions of State Law (MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D) municipalities are permitted to deficit spend in this account, with the accounting adjustments occurring at the end of the fiscal year.

We are hoping for a break and an early spring in March!

### **Mabardy Landfill Closure**

As you may know, the ownership of the project has changed to W.L. French Excavating Corporation. I have had an extensive conversation with one of the owners of the company and also with our DEP representatives about this project. The restrictions and operating plans for the project have not changed. They are fully compliant with the State's requirements for the project. I have authorized a periodic spot check via our engineering consultant, which is permitted under the operating agreement for the site. The performance bond that was in place with the previous owner does carry forward to the new company, and will reflect the new ownership.

### **COVID Effort**

I have been a part of a Zoom call and related correspondence with Gardner and other neighboring communities to better coordinate the vaccination effort at Heywood Hospital. Several of our elected regional representatives are also involved, which has been very helpful. We are pleased to see that our "numbers" of cases has been dropping. This entire effort seems quite fluid, so I will keep you advised as necessary

### **Town Meeting Preparation**

Our focus over the coming weeks will be to assemble a draft warrant and begin to finalize any changes in the proposed budget for FY22.