



Report of the Town Manager

August 10, 2020

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Division of Local Services' official aid levels for Fiscal Year 2021 baseline Chapter 70 and unrestricted general government aid (UGGA) was recently announced. These levels of aid are based on an agreement between the Senate, House and Administration to commit to no less than level funding for UGGA and increases in Chapter 70 to account for inflation and enrollment that will keep all school districts at foundation, under the law as it existed for FY 2020. Below is a table that compares the original Cherry Sheet revenue estimates with the revised revenues.

	<u>Original Cherry Sheet Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Estimate</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Chapter 70	\$11,530,760	\$11,491,100	(\$39,660)
Unrestricted Gen. Gov't. Aid	\$1,836,495	\$1,786,474	(\$50,021)
Totals	\$13,367,255	\$13,277,574	(\$89,681)

While the revised revenue estimates are nearly \$90,000 less than the original estimates, the outlook is much brighter than just a week ago. I am confident I can revise the FY21 budget to have little impact to the services currently provided.

- b. The Fire Department was recently awarded an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant from FEMA in the amount of approximately \$59,000 for 20 sets structural firefighting turnout gear. The grant pays for 95% of the cost of the turnout gear and the Town funds the remaining 5% or approximately \$3,100.
- c. The Fire Department also received a grant from FEMA for personal protective equipment.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. There are no personnel updates this week.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The EPA's project on Lincoln Ave. Extension is now finished. Any remaining equipment and the temporary fence will be removed in the next two weeks.
- b. Al Gallant, Tracy Murphy, Fire Captain Bryan Vaine and I met with representatives from the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center to be updated on the veteran's housing project. MVOC will be submitting funding requests in the near future. MVOC also indicated they are willing to present their proposal to the Board of Selectmen for review and comment.
- c. Mass. Broken Stone will begin the 2020 paving program during the week of August 17th.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. Winchendon partnered with the Commonwealth for street salt bidding for the upcoming winter season. The winning bid was \$56.10 per ton, the same price per ton as last winter.