

Report of the Town Manager April 25, 2022

1. Financial Updates-

a. The Audit Committee has held its first meeting and will be delivering its findings to a meeting of the Tri-Board (to be scheduled in late May/early June)

2. Personnel Updates-

a. No personnel updates at this time.

3. Project Updates-

- a. The properties at Beech St are officially in the Town's possession. The deeds are in the process of being filed, at which time the property will be turned over to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority.
- b. The park at Lake and Spring St is nearly complete, with some minor punch list items remaining. This initiative really reframed the appearance of Downtown when driving in, and will be further amplified once the work begins across the street.
- c. The remaining work on Railroad is ready to go and is primarily waiting on the arrival of granite curbing.
- d. The two respondents for Design Services for the Old Murdock will be interviewed this week. I have requested two members of the disbanded OPM Committee to volunteer to participate in the selection of the firm.
- e. A meeting was held with engineers and consultants last week for the CDBG Grant Application process for Beech St. If funded, we would be able to pave from Spring St through to Summer St.
- f. Perimeter fencing and some minor clearing has taken place at the Winchendon Community Park, signaling the official start of the Amphitheater project. This work will run through the fall.
- g. I am meeting with engineers to identify potential trails grant funding for the Webster Street parcel.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

a. As a reminder, the annual Town Meeting is set to take place on Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm. Please encourage friends and neighbors to attend, as it is our objective to increase participation by 10%. 129 citizens attended last May, meaning our goal is 142.