

Town Administrator Report, August 28, 2023

- **USDA.**
  - Gilbertville Wastewater Treatment Plant is going out to bid in the next couple of weeks. We advertised for RFQ for sub-bidder and general contractor. Bids are due Wednesday, August 30 at 10AM
  - Debt repayment is still being discussed.
  - Oversight RFP's have been sent to the Board for their perusal. I've contacted Whitewater Wastewater to see if they do it as well. I expected to meet with them but have not heard back from them.

***New:***

- FY23 should be closed soon. I had a goal of the first week of September but it looks like we will surpass that by a couple of weeks. That will be next year's goal for sure. I met with the Finance team on Tuesday, August 22 and everything looks good and is up to date.
- Greenwich Rd drainage project is being conducted currently. Expect delays.
- We had to do some restructuring of the Highway. The requests are in front of you tonight and we are hoping to advertise for the new Asst. Superintendent position this week.
- I am exploring new heating options for Myron E Richardson building. We will have to deal with this heating system for this winter season
- There was some damage to the Paige Library fields from the fair. The Fair Committee is currently working on getting a quote to have it repaired. There was no parking in fields this year due to them all being saturated but the library was accidentally omitted when cordoning off parking.
- Capital Planning met on Monday, August 21. There were several requests from departments regarding capital needs. Several departments request building repairs. We have another meeting next month and will report all findings after that.

***Ongoing:***

- Town Hall boiler update. The flooring is complete. The finance committee has several knowledgeable HVAC experts and am waiting for some recommendations for a permanent solution. We also have the Capital Planning Committee looking in to it. I have also reached out to National Grid to see if there are any other solutions.
- Paving has begun again with Ludlow Construction and MassDOT on Main Street in Gilbertville. Expect delays.
- The Council on Aging are holding office hours once again. 12:30PM at Quabbin Estates and Municipal Building (Town Hall) at 10:00AM. Please come down and check out all of the services they have. Snacks served! Eileen and/or Brenda will be at each location on the last Wednesday of the month for an hour at each place unless otherwise necessary.
- I attend coffee hour at the Hardwick/Barre Senior Center the first Wednesday of the month. Please come join me for a conversation or if you have any questions or concerns.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime. My email along with work and cell numbers are on the website, and my door is always open.