

Town Administrator Report, September 25, 2023

- **USDA.**
 - Wheelwright Wastewater Treatment Plant went out to bid Wednesday, September 5. Bids are due back October 18 at 9AM
 - Project 1
 - Ricciardi drill rig sub-contractor scheduled for 9/25 to pre-drill ledge
 - Ricciardi crews beginning 10/16
 - Wet well delivery on 11/1

 - Project 2A (Wheelwright)
 - Pre-bid meeting held 9/19- four GCs, one roofer in attendance
 - MassDEP WM-16 Permit Application emailed to Dan Kurpaska (DEP), in progress of uploading to web-portal

 - Project 2B (Gilbertville)
 - DPC working on Chapter 30B RFPs (UV Disinfection and Aerators)
 - DPC working through contractor prequalification process

New:

- October 9 is Columbus/Indigenous day, all Town Offices will be closed. I would like to request Oct 10 off.
- Town Manager segments for October for me is October 19. W.A.R.E 97.7FM
- The Capital Planning Committee has been meeting monthly, and should have recommendations to you soon. We have a lot of building deficiencies.
- We will be getting a safety installed for the boiler. It will shut the pump off if water goes above a certain amount. This is not a permanent fix.
- There are several grants we will be applying for. CMRPC will be assisting.
- We applied for a USDA grant for a 35% match for equipment. I put in for a police car and Highway truck. If funded we will need to request the rest from the Town. I will advise once I hear back.
- There will be a formal ribbon cutting for the extension of the Central Mass Rail Trail at the end of September 26.

Ongoing:

- The approved jobs for Highway have been posted. If you or anyone you know is looking, please go to the website
- We will have to deal with this heating system for this winter season
- 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. We should hear a more firm date by next week
- Greenwich Rd drainage project is being conducted currently. Expect delays.
- 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.