

Town Administrator Report, March 25, 2024

USDA update. (Weekly photos and update uploaded to WPCF web page on website if applicable)

Project 1 (Hardwick Rd. Pumping System)

- Pump station in production – Awaiting pump station delivery in April
- DPC to confirm completion schedule with Ricciardi

Project 2A (Wheelwright)

- DPC working through incoming submittals
- Contractor mainly working on step footings and concrete pours for new building

Project 2B (Gilbertville)

- Recommendation to Award provided to Town on 3/20, Selectboard meeting Monday 3/25

New:

- Casella submitted documents pertaining to the reopening of the landfill. They will be formally accepted tonight to become public documents.
- Complete Streets policy is in front of the Select Board at their meeting for approval tonight. We can begin Tier 2 once that has been approved and submitted.
- Creamery Rd layout was accepted at STM on Thursday, March 21. We will submit to our Attorney's for filing and then we can start the process of repairing the bridge with federal funds.
- The 65% portion for a new police vehicle was approved at STM. We can now contact USDA for the disbursement of the grant we received for the other 35%.
- Our new Assistant Superintendent will be starting on Monday, April 1, as will another staff for Highway

Ongoing:

- Green Community Grant: Will be starting work soon. Contracts have been signed and total project should take approximately 3 weeks.
- We received \$12,500.00 in DLTA grant funds for assistance from CMRPC in designing and creating interactive and physical maps for our blue and green trails to accentuate our eco-tourism facet of the Master Plan. A survey was concluded and is being reviewed.
- Our CDBG has to be submitted by March 25. We have completed all of the required tasks. We have approximately \$50k for design of the park and \$900k for Highland Terrace.
- Our Electric vehicle chargers are now online.
- Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 6PM in Town Hall
- Easter Egg Hunts: Several places in Town and on different days. Hardwick Crossing, Christmas on the Common and Hardwick Winery are all participating. The Capital Planning Committee has been meeting monthly, and should have recommendations to you soon. We have many building deficiencies.
- The approved jobs for Highway have been posted. If you or anyone you know is looking, please go to the website
- 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.

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.