

Town Administrator Report, September 11, 2023

- **USDA.**
 - Wheelwright Wastewater Treatment Plant went out to bid Wednesday, September 5. Bids are due back October 18 at 9AM
 - We advertised for RFQ for sub-bidder and general contractor for Gilbertville. I sent you the results under separate cover
 - 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:

- The approved jobs for Highway have been posted. If you or anyone you know is looking, please go to the website
- I am exploring new heating options for Myron E Richardson building. We will have to deal with this heating system for this winter season
- Town Manager segments for September and October for me are as follows: September 14 & October 19.
- Friday September 8 there is a Cannabis Control Commission Public Hearing regarding new draft regulations. Cities and Towns in Mass are opposed to the draft regulations as they impede the local jurisdiction. We sent written testimony to be read.
- There will be a formal ribbon cutting for the extension of the Central Mass Rail Trail at the end of September. Stay tuned for stay and time!

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. RJ McDonald is coming on September 19 to walk through it with me.
- 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.
- 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.