

Town Administrator Report, January 24, 2022

- Zen Acres Farm, LLC still seeks to secure a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the Town of Hardwick for 228 Barre Road, Hardwick, MA. Zen Acres Farm is still working on their CHA
- Confidential Mediation with USDA is ongoing.
- You Tube for viewing meetings at home should be implemented by February, depending on availability of supplies
- Town Census has gone out. Please keep an eye out for it and please fill out and return. These forms are extremely important when we are considered for Grants, etc.
- National Grid account: Our rates have been variable by month. It has caused an extreme fluctuation and currently we have some accounts upwards of .43 per kWh. Our third party supplier, Liberty Power, went bankrupt. Direct Energy has taken over. After consulting with another third party, I discussed the situation with Direct Energy and they have offered .137 cents per kWh. Please give approval
- MVP meeting this Thursday evening at 5PM with Eric Volheim and MEMA, Zoom
- February 1, will be going to Ware BOS meeting; Re: Ambulance.
- MMA Annual meeting was this past weekend, virtual. Very interesting topics. I strongly encourage a member of BOS to attend next year.
- We had a fire at a residence that destroyed a kennel and 8 dogs in the early hours of Friday, January 14. One IOD firefighter.
- Dept. Head meeting and initial budget submission due February 1, 2022 at 10AM in the Selectmen's Office

Signatures:

- PVPC/Lenard Engineering
- Monthly Report USDA
- MART
- InnHolder/ Class II (approved in December; I had three stuck to another packet, unsigned)
- EMP Grant authorization