

Town Administrator Report, February 28, 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 HCA. They are anxious to get in front of the Board, but they have many change requests through Counsel. We are still working through it.
- Confidential Mediation with USDA is ongoing. I received a call from EPA on Thursday afternoon. They are keeping a close eye on our progress and reminding the Town of the potential sanctions re: judicial actions and fines.
- Town audit is ongoing. Staff continues to assist with documentation
- You Tube for viewing meetings at home has been created. Supplies have been delayed. I hope to have it up and running by the end of March.
- 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.
- Second Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness meeting was this past Wednesday evening at 5PM. We established who will be invited to our charettes which will be at Town Hall March 24 and 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8PM. I will give updates shortly thereafter.
- Planning Board is finalizing Solar by-law for Town Meeting.
- Ambulance committee will be meeting March 7. I will give a formal update and invite the Chair to give recommendations on Emergency Medical Services at the March 14 meeting.
- Tuesday, March 1, the East Quabbin Land Trust and Mass Division of Ecological Restoration will be facilitating a meeting regarding the proposed Wheelwright Pond dam removal on the Ware River. I've agreed to be here at Town Hall to host the meeting. Anyone interested is encouraged and welcome.
- I will be meeting with Finance Committee March 7. I will hopefully have the budget to present to them by then. I have been busy as our Tax Collector has been out sick. It will be my priority over the coming weeks.
- Our IT contract is coming due. I will have an IFB for your review at the next meeting.
- Saturday, March 12, Town resident Grant Biggs will be presented with his Eagle Scout rank at Ware HS. The Board is invited to attend. I will have a proclamation for you to present.

Thank you,

Nicole