

Town Administrator Report, September 26, 2022

- USDA:
 - We went out to bid for Project 1 on Wednesday September 7. We have approximately 10 bid requests thus far. We had a pre bid conference Wednesday, September 14 at 9AM. Three contractors showed up. Bid opening is Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00AM.
 - DPC will be submitting an NOI to Conservation Commission on the Town of Hardwick's behalf for the proposed pump station. Hopefully to be heard at the October meeting

New:

- Potential NEW applicants at 228 Barre Road; Prospective applicants are proposing a horse farm with racing days up to 20 per year. BOS must approve location. There is an informational meeting at Hardwick Elementary tomorrow at 6:30. Our Counsel will be present. It was posted on our website, Facebook and in Town Hall. We also sent out a Code Red.
- Council on Aging will be holding office hours once again! Beginning September 27 at 12:30PM at Quabbin Estates and on September 28 at the Municipal Building (Town Hall) at 10AM. They will be there for an hour at each place unless otherwise necessary.
- Ghost Walk: October 15.
- Board of Health; We are experiencing some difficulty with the Chair. He is quarreling with applicants and even more so with Leicester. It has been ongoing for sometime but does not seem to be resolving.
- Youth Center held an open house on Tuesday, September 21. They have 12 new kids! They are always looking for all ages to join
- We would like to start to explore a new position of Maintenance coordinator/Custodian. We are looking in to regionalizing with another Town if possible.

Ongoing:

- Retirement Insurance: wrote policy for Personnel review. Once I get it back from Counsel and they approve, I would like to request a meeting of the personnel committee to get their recommendation for approval formally to the Board of Selectmen.
- DLS came out to conduct interviews for a financial review. Their initial impression was that they feel optimistic on where the Town is headed and the accomplishments over the past year. The formal review will take up to 12 weeks.
- OSRP update: We will need to appoint a planning committee to work with CMRPC. I am working on recruits now- if anyone is interested
- Accountant; Shared services.
- Recycling: Container contract.
- Community Compact Cabinet grants; Currently looking into them
- Water Commission: Looking in to upgrading technology and researching surrounding towns for rates, as well as exploring regulations and procedures.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime. My email and work and cell numbers are on the front page of the website, and my door is always open.

Thank you,

Nicole