

Town Administrator Report, October 30, 2023

USDA update.

- Please see attached. These updates will be weekly and will be on the website on the Wastewater Pollution Control Facilities page.

New:

- Trunk or treats around town along with the newest attraction, the spooky walk at the Municipal Building supported by Youth Center and Park and Rec were all well attended and loved by all, and look forward to improving upon next year.
- RJ McDonald installed a high level water alarm on the steam boiler and also started up the system and checked operation and safety controls. We are monitoring temps on a regular basis.
- State election is Tuesday, November 7 from 7am-8pm at the Hardwick Elementary School- 76 Schoolhouse Dr. All early mail in votes must be received by 8PM on November 7 to be eligible.
- Special Town Meeting is this Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6PM at the Myron E Richardson Municipal Building.
- We were not successful in our Community One Stop Grants for Summit Rd or Master Plan. Most awards went to big cities. We will look at other funding opportunities
- We will have a Public Hearing on November 16 for Tax Classification Hearing.
- We will have a public hearing on November 16 for an All Alcohol license for the Wistlestop.
- QRSD requested to use our meeting room for some one on one tutoring. This will take place on Thursdays from 11-2.
- There will be an article about me in Ware River News this week discussing my tenure in Hardwick. Paula from Ware River News said she is also interviewing Ware and Warren. I hope it is positive!

Ongoing:

- 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
- We will have to deal with this heating system for this winter season
- FY23 is closed and free cash/ retained earning have been certified.
- 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.