

Town Administrator Report, October 16, 2023

USDA update.

### **Project 1**

- Driller working to pre-drill ledge
- Ricciardi crew targeting 10/18 for mobilizing to site
- Wetwell delivery still slated for 11/2

### **Project 2A (Wheelwright)**

- General Bid Opening 10/25 at 2 PM
- Next Addenda to be issued next week answering bidder questions

### **Project 2B (Gilbertville)**

- Chapter 30Bs advertised this week for UV and Mechanical Surface Aerators
  - Responses due November 1

### ***New:***

- Park and Rec along with Youth would like to have a Halloween celebration at the municipal building on 10/28 with a rain date of 10/29
- The Capital Planning Committee has been meeting monthly, and should have recommendations to you soon. We have many building deficiencies.
- We had a safety installed for the boiler on October 11. It will shut the pump off if water goes above a certain amount. This is not a permanent fix.
- We applied for a USDA grant for a 35% match for equipment. I put in for a police car and Highway truck. If funded we will need to request the rest from the Town. Capital Planning is meeting Monday, October 16 at 3PM. I will advise once I hear back.

### ***Ongoing:***

- 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 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. We should hear a more firm date by next week
- 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.