

Coordinator report January 15, 2021

The board may be ready to conduct final review and vote on the Antioch University MOU.

I have invited Keith Ross, chair of the forest committee to report on proposed timber harvests on town lands and at Allen Lot. It appears that these sales will have the potential to generate about \$100,000 in income . It also appears that there is not sufficient time to mark the harvest, obtain cutting permit, market the timber sale, and accomplish the harvesting and thinning work before mud season. That said portions of the Town Forests and Alan lot are potential mud lots. But getting everything done is unlikely and this will be something that occurs in the next fiscal year.

Review of the Transfer station inspection report will be undertaken – Commission and attendant are invited. the inspector Jan Amin of the solid waste district will be in attendance.

The note I got on capital planning was about recruiting membership for this special committee . I want to take this opportunity to pitch my strategy which is rather than forming a Capital Planning Committee we simply start a Capital planning process. I can almost guarantee that after I have written a plank that says we do not need a third commercial kitchen in a new fire station . We do not need a road grader at the cost of a new one when this one breaks, unless we find some middle ground for buying used. I want us to have a strategy for what we will do if we lose a boiler at the school. There are two and they are both 20 years old. I do not want us marching in lockstep and replacing something with a like item just because we did things this way in the past. I heard a story about a foreigner writing or trying to write an authentic Asian cookbook . The writer was unable to get any information about cooking a dog or cat because of an awareness of our aversion. So, when the writer could not get any information, he started making stuff up that seemed possibly reasonable. This resulted in corrections and information. I think we can incite this. I think it will die if it is just a call to a new committee.

Six Town Planning Board update – Alan Genovese had difficulty joining the previous meeting, so I have asked the chair of the school planning board comprised of six towns being Gill and Montague plus the Pioneer towns.

I reached out to the Board of Health and Ms. Bennett regarding making vaccination compulsory and both agreed that unless there is an underlying medical condition it ought to be required. However further research I have done resulted in understanding that because of the emergency or experimental nature of the COVID-19 vaccinations, we as a government entity cannot mandate use. So, our public safety folks are getting vaccinated voluntarily. More on that later the voluntary approach seemed most Warwick like and I will report in the future on our take rate.

During my vacation week AT&T's location vendor and DCR held a site visit on Mount Grace to investigate the potential for the fire tower to be used or replaced with a fake fake fire tower. Yes, I meant to say fake fake because DCR and AT&T's First Net have the common experience that nobody wants a tower. We have seen the fake pine tree towers. Now there is the fake fire tower possibility; however, in our case since the fire tower is used as a fire tower it would be a fake fake fire tower. I think they are covering all bases.

We are getting donations to the pavilion project and I have arranged that the treasurer will sign the IRS acknowledgement donation letter and a committee person will send a personal thank you.

About half of the Chromebooks are here as the entirety of the 1st order still has not come. I was able to cancel it and reorder a similar product which will be arriving shortly. Maybe. This is a Care's act funded activity. The folks working on the pavilion grant are told that the project is Cares eligible. While I agree to the extent it is like a rented tent, I must caution it is not an eligible Cares expense if it does not happen during the covered grant period. Another way of saying it is the benefit of the investment must be experienced by the public during the eligible period of the grant. While that period has been extended to December 31st, 2022 there is still a high likelihood of delays in any construction project. That means Cares act can fund about \$10,000 of the \$50,000 project, (25% of eligible expenses) but it must be completed and in use or we cannot use CARES money and we must find another source.

I missed the last meetings and I think that a poor direction was taken on not engaging Mr. Toth who is available for not more than \$1000 to be our point of contact . And I do not agree with location of the pavilion from a public safety standpoint: but I am going to try and shut up about this and move on and wish everybody good luck.

I wonder if the Selectboard would be interested in sending a letter to the DESE commissioner challenging the vote to reconfigure our elementary and upper class / Sixth grad move. Is pretty clear to me that this falls under the acts of 2018 which include DESE permission for closing schools and reconfiguration. At last night school committeemen meeting one of the members who voted yes changed their vote but that meant that the resulting motion to rescind the action was a tie vote resulting in no action . At this point the school committee would be taking a 6-6 vote to the DESE Commissioner for approval. Of course he said he saw no compelling reason not to close Warwick and gave that a green light after hanging it around the superintendent's neck: perhaps a waste of time but I note that there is an overseer.

Because Monday is a federal holiday and one that I always look forward to our select board meeting is Tuesday. This meeting steps on the scheduled transition meeting with Pioneer which involves myself and Brian, so I have taken steps to move that . I will report continue progress and good faith on the transition and tuition agreement..

Believe that we have some progress on the acquisition of a used cruiser from the town of Erving. I provided Shoe with the correct account from which to pay. I have a refrigeration repair company coming in to repair the two-door refrigerator and three door freezer . Normally appliances 20 years old might not get repaired but instead replaced but these are high-end American made and the cabinets are in beautiful shape. They look new. Both through the passage of time had refrigeration gas leaks, so each needed a repaired component which had to be ordered. The kitchen should be functional in a few weeks.

We are still having the high-water alarm at WCS and while there is no danger, my next step there is to restart all the monitoring here because it appears that we may have gotten a big bill or a big quote to possibly do just that . I've also been plagued by trouble with the alarm system at town

Hall. This appears to be telephone related and specifically lack of dial tone; however the abandoned plant wire in the town Hall is as appalling as the photographs of the old switch by the fire station and I'm attempting to get the alarm company to rewire from the interface box to the alarm box at town Hall. That way we can rest assured that when we call Verizon for a phone problem that they can't say it was part of our house wiring . The only plain old telephone wires we use are a dedicated line to the elevator for emergencies which is regulatorily required to be a POTS line; then we use our fax line as the failover communications line for the fire system; and have a dedicated copper pair for the primary comm line . Greenwood alarm and I are going to investigate cellular dialers. That is permissible whereas I am not sure about the integration to our fiber-based phones which are a private branch exchange at root.

You got a thinly veiled complaint in the form of a letter urging you to support me in clearing an email issue. Sometimes email can't be reached addressed to the town domain. The problem is specific to senders from Google Mail. We have figured out a work around which is that the treasurer will have a dedicated Gmail account for town business for those few senders who cannot send and instead get a bounce message.

I will be meeting with our insurer later in the month. This is a quarterly risk mitigation meeting and I have asked them to bring the statement of values that is referenced in our policy that we do not have. I can confirm that we now have a \$4,000,000 valuation on the new school and the insurer will be doing further work to make sure that we are fully insured and not in a co-insurance situation.

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