

Town Administrator Report, October 4, 2022

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 - Bid was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on Thursday, September 29 to Ricciardi.
 - DPC submitted 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. Board of Selectmen must approve location. There is an informational meeting at Hardwick Elementary tom 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.
- Annual licenses for renewal will be going out this week
- Sewer bills will be on the next agenda to gout first of November
- Very close to finalizing new phone system for your approval- hopefully at the next meeting

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.
- Ghost Walk: October 15. People are encouraged to start arriving at 5:30 at the Town House
- Council on Aging are holding office hours once again! September 27 at 12:30PM at Quabbin Estates and on September 28 at the Municipal Building (Town Hall) at 10AM were thew first. Please come down and check out all of the services they have. Snacks served! Eileen and Brenda will be at each location on the last Wednesday of the month for an hour at each place unless otherwise necessary.
- 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.
- 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. Update: Removing containers and canceling 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