

Town Administrator Report, November 21, 2022

- **USDA**

- DPC submitted a request to withdraw for an NOI to Conservation Commission on the Town of Hardwick's behalf for the proposed pump station. A new location was identified. A small portion of East Quabbin Land Trust land known as Map..... Parcel.....
- Assuming there are no issues with Section 106 and Section 7, the ER should be able to be finalized and approved sometime after 5 December

New:

Former knitters mill (Gilbertville)

- Inside, the asbestos has been removed as well as the metal and other demolition materials.
 - Windows for the lower floors should be going in shortly.
 - Last night we finalized our relationship with the sewer and water district
 - On Friday, they are bringing out specialists and equipment to locate the water and fire main lines.
 - We have a single hose line into the building for now for the demo people to use but will need new taps for the project.
 - We have temporary power into the building and ordered the equipment for the full power that will be needed for the project. Supply chain issues for transformers may stretch that out. We are prepared, however, to bring in generators if needed for the first phases of the project.
 - We are almost ready to act on the relocation of the Clam Shrimp with Natural Heritage. Waiting for their final signoff on the remediation/relocation plans.
- OSRP- committee appointed tonight. We secured a grant for \$10,750 to assist in updating our OSRP. Meetings will be held via Zoom on Friday's at 10AM
 - Hardwick Elementary School- Front entry door are decayed and becoming compromised. The school received one quote for \$18,454.00 from New England School Services. I have called 3 other companies for quotes.
 - Tax Classification Hearing. Assessors would like to hold Tax Classification Hearing Monday, December 5, 2022

Ongoing

- Town Hall flooding: Demolition crew is done. Reconstruction crew should start ASAP
- Boiler also had damage from over pressurizing. RJ McDonald came out and changed a fuse on Tuesday night, so we were only without heat for Monday and Tuesday.
- Close to finalizing new phone system for your approval to comply with E911
- 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.
- 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 Brenda will be at each location on the last Wednesday of the month for an hour at each place unless otherwise necessary.
- 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.
- Accountant; Shared services.
- Recycling: Container contract. Update: Removing containers and canceling contract. We unfortunately had signed for three containers but allegedly 2 were delivered. We have no proof they weren't all contract had been paid on the preface that we had 3 containers. Working to resolve. I once again reiterate that no employee delivered and the is to sign contracts.
- 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.