

## Town Administrator Report, August 14, 2023

- **USDA.**
  - Gilbertville Wastewater Treatment Plant is going out to bid in the next couple of weeks. We advertised for RFQ for sub-bidder and general contractor. Bids are due Wednesday, August 30 at 10AM
  - Debt repayment is still being discussed. I had a meeting with RCAP on Wednesday to discuss options; betterments, etc.
  - Oversight RFP's have been sent to the Board for their perusal. I've contacted Whitewater Wastewater to see if they do it as well. I expected to meet with them but have not heard back from them.
  - Eric and I met with Great Blue Heron Management to discuss oversight. They quoted somewhere around \$90 per hour to assist as needed.

### *New:*

- As of August 1 we have a new accountant but familiar to us, Laurie Dell'Olio. She was our accountant when we had Marcum and we are happy to have her back. It's already a big improvement.
- On Thursday, August 10, Marty, Lori and I met with MassDOT District 2 regarding grant opportunities and agencies available to us to pursue road improvements.
- I met with RCAP SRF division on Wednesday, August 9 to discuss water and wastewater infrastructure grants. We've filled out our needs assessment request and will be submitting it this week. This would potentially be for mapping, pipe infrastructure, inflow & infiltration study, water infrastructure, regulations and policy, etc. It's a rolling program so there are no deadlines.
- We had a major washout Tuesday night on Main St near the pizza house due to the ongoing construction. Marty came down with a truck to suck the water out as we had 2 officers directing traffic and the Main Street was impassable. We will be billing Ludlow Construction for this.
- I had the owner of the collision facility approach me for a Class II license. Before bringing it to the Board, I would like to have more conversations with the potential applicant as the site is not in compliance.
- Mass Central Railroad has concluded their work and will resume normal daytime service starting at 7am August 14

### *Ongoing:*

- Town Hall boiler update. The flooring is complete. The finance committee has several knowledgeable HVAC experts and am waiting for some recommendations for a permanent solution. We also have the Capital Planning Committee looking in to it. I have also reached out to National Grid to see if there are any other solutions.
- 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.