

Town Manager's Report May 15, 2019

The Library is sponsoring a Chewonki Program, Predators. The event is planned to be held on Saturday at 1:00PM, at the Grange Hall. Tickets are limited to 75 attendees and are available at the Town Office or Library.

We had our first sewer construction meeting, which went well. The project is just beginning, but was held up by the need to haul waste out of the clarifiers. The old waste has been there since the Town decided to stop accepting septage. The cost of vacuuming and hauling the waste to Waste Management and AMSD is \$20,000. Disposal costs are estimated at \$5,000. The Sewer Commissioners met last week to approve this expense; it is essential to keeping the upgrade project moving and has been put off for too long already.

We have collected on personal property taxes for all but three accounts. I will be filing the first round in small claims court on Friday. Total outstanding is \$4,156.96.

As previously communicated, I have issued a Request for Engineering Services Proposals. The proposals are due June 13, 2019, with a goal of making a decision in July. Hardcopies were mailed to several firms and the RFP has been advertised electronically.

The George Street turnaround is moving along; we have executed the permanent easement, as well as a larger, temporary construction easement in order to properly drain the area. DMO has agreed to help on the project and the Town will work cooperatively with the contractor to minimize costs.

The water district installed a meter at the sewer plant last fall so that Public Works could fill trucks there, have the water metered for reporting purposes, and lessen the potential impact on water users. Unfortunately, with this year's construction, it is illogical and unsafe for us to utilize the hydrant at the sewer plant. The water district has denied my request to authorize another hydrant to be used this year; I have asked NWD Chairman Todd Pineo to reconsider my request, as soon as possible.

I had our first meeting with Wright-Pierce, the firm responsible for completing our downtown revitalization assessment. We are in the process of gathering information to establish a baseline and will be setting up a time to meet with the TIF Committee for a formal kick-off.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15 6PM Selectmen	16	17	18 1PM- Library/ Chewonki Program at Grange
19	20 7PM- SAD 54 Budget Meeting	21 5PM- TIF Committee Mtg	22	23	24	25
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