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Town Manager's Report
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I met with representative from DOT, as well as the Cole family regarding signage for the bridge dedication. We will be meeting again next week to review proofs. A working group has been created to organize and plan for the bridge dedication ceremony that will take place on October 7—more details to be determined as we get closer.

The deadline to pay 2017 property taxes is this Friday, July 20. Taxes must be paid in full to avoid the demand fees, etc. At present time, there are 151 properties that face lien status.

We are in the process of getting estimates for truck covers for hauling material. In the last year, we have had two claims against our insurance as a result of other motorists claiming that a rock came off our load. This purchase will likely require future approval by the Board.

Grading has been difficult with dry weather conditions and broken equipment, but we are on track with a schedule. Walker Road was completed today; Betterment Road is scheduled for tomorrow and Bigelow Hill Road is to be completed on Friday.

The plans for the wastewater facility upgrade have been completed. We expect that this will be advertised for bid soon. A better timeline is to be determined; I have a meeting with Olver tomorrow afternoon.

I continue to work closely with FEMA to seek reimbursement related to the October storm. Preliminarily, we appear to be eligible for 90% reimbursement of \$23,963 in expenses, plus administrative allowances of approximately \$913 (4%). This would result in a reimbursement of \$23,755, if the grant is successful.

We've received a notice from Wellman Paving stating that they have a concern with the design of the Ward Hill Road project. They are not willing to provide a one-year guarantee from longitudinal cracking as a result of the design.

We have received our distribution from FirstPark in the amount of \$10,434 (+\$2,813 over PY). Our payment was \$18,032 (net of -\$7,598).

The Sewer Department was awarded a safety grant from MMA for the purchase of traffic control equipment, fall protection equipment, and lockout/tagout equipment. This will cover up to 2/3 of the expense.

The back bathroom at the Town Office is being remodeled. The estimated project cost is under \$2,000.

We have had feedback regarding striping on town-maintained roads; we are calling back the contractor in order to adequate stripe all necessary locations in town—not just the speed hump.

The Fire Department is moving ahead with installing the flagpole at the station. There has been discussion regarding dedication of the pole. One suggestion has been Preston Charles who died of a heart attack while on the job.

Fuel contracts are underway. Ideally, pricing will be secured within the week if possible. Costs are looking to be up over last year, but are still in a reasonable range. Current pricing is being sought from Fabian Oil, CN Brown, and Bob’s Cash Fuel. It is expected that propane and oil will be sought at a fixed price, while diesel will be tied to rack price.

There is a letter to the Board from resident Mary Chase that has been enclosed in Board packets and attached to the record. Mrs. Chase strongly discourages the use of the school for voting and suggests utilizing the fire station in the future.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
14	16	17	18 4:30 Sewer Com 5:30 Assessor 6PM Selectmen	19	20 '17 lien deadline 1PM Fire truck bid opening	21 10A-12P Fire/Library Program
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