



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: March 18, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 73,106.61
- Expense Warrant: \$ 111,745.53

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- Board of Health staff was in court this week with counsel from the Attorney General's Office to have the court appoint a receiver to take over the rehabilitation of the property at 14 North Main Street. A representative of the mortgage holder was present and because of that the judge did not take that action. Rather, the bank was urged to reach a settlement agreement with us to take care of the repairs and if they do not then the judge will proceed with a receiver.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals took up the application by the owner of #6 Main Street to obtain approval to tear down the 4-family house at that address and rebuild a new 4-family structure on the same footprint. That was approved and the owner will proceed to obtain other needed approvals and hopefully go forward this spring.
- An RFP has been advertised for the relocation of the building at #2 Grove Street. Interested parties will have until April 14th to submit proposals for the Town to consider.
- The Police Department and Men's Club Easter Egg hunt takes place this weekend at Kiwanis Beach – a wonderful community event!
- The annual scholarship process has begun. Sandy has posted the information to the website, and it is going out to the schools as it usually does. Students will have until April 13th to submit an application to the Board for consideration.
- With snow predicted for Sunday it doesn't seem like we need to be ready for brush season but that hasn't stopped the planning process. The tanker obtained for that is now ready to roll out the door, it is a 1989 truck that replaces the 1979 model which will be offered back to FEMA now that we are no longer using it.
- The Green Community Committee is preparing to submit the next round of grant requests to the State for energy conservation measures. The two items of focus this year look to be energy management systems for both the Police and Fire Stations.
- The Library Feasibility Committee met this week and formally decided to reject the proposals for parcels of land for the building for various reasons, finding none of them suitable. They will be putting out a new RFP in the near future to see if other properties are offered instead.

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- We have received a preliminary estimate for the Fisk Mill Bridge repair that is just over \$1 million dollars. After reviewing it with our counterparts in Milford we have jointly decided to seek proposals from other engineering firms because we are unsatisfied with the proposed design fees from the first firm. As you know, to stay on track for a repair to the bridge in the construction season of 2017 we'll need to start full design in the coming months.
- All departments should be aware that the State has issued an emergency regulation regarding producing public records. While the legislature is still working on modifications to the public record law, effective immediately the amount that communities can charge to make copies of records has dropped to five cents per page.