



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: April 22, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 80,722.42
- Expense Warrant: \$ 75,782.06

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- The Town Meeting warrant has been posted and the budget resolved for the annual town meeting on May 5th. Copies will be available at the Finance Committee's annual public hearing on the budget, and posted to the website.
- A number of bids and RFP's are on our website at this time. They include:
 - Bids for the construction of the Kiwanis Beach upper parking lot are due on April 26th.
 - Development of Financial Policies and Procedures – proposals for this state grant funded project are due April 26th
 - Road Repairs and Reconstruction – annual road paving and repairs due May 4th
 - RFP to seek land for purchase by the Town for a future new Library – due June 2nd.
- There are a number of upcoming Town events that you may want to be aware of:
 - Finance Committee Annual Budget Hearing – Wednesday, April 27th – Town Hall 7:15 PM
 - Candidates Night –Thursday, April 28th – Town Hall 7:00 PM
 - 5K Road Race – Nipmuc High School – Saturday, April 30th
 - Loyalty Day – Sunday, May 1st – 11 AM
 - Election Day – Monday, May 2nd – Nipmuc High School
 - Annual Town Meeting – Thursday, May 5th – Nipmuc High School – 7:00 PM
 - May 21st – Library Book Sale – Risteen Building Lawn
 - June 4th – Hazardous Waste Collection Day – DPW Facility
- The Governor recently signed into law the legislation that will raise the cap on net metering. While the changes in the law are complex, it does appear that this legislation will allow the solar project on Route 140 and Chestnut Street to move forward. The company we have been negotiating with for that project has reached out to us to move forward on the steps leading up to that contract, and I will keep you apprised of the progress.

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- The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “MA Siting Board”) has scheduled an opportunity for the public to receive updated information concerning the Access Northeast Project (“Access Northeast”) which is under consideration by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”), to ask questions and to provide input to the Siting Board. This extension includes a four mile new line through Upton which is to be called the “West Boylston Lateral”. As you may recall, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the “FERC”) is the primary permitting authority with regard to Access Northeast. The MA Siting Board participates in FERC proceedings involving natural gas pipelines in order to represent the interests of the Commonwealth and its residents. The meeting in our area is scheduled in Grafton in their High School Auditorium on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM.
- ClearGov is live! The website address is www.cleargov.com where you can find actual budget data for Upton for FY 15. Comparisons of our data to other towns are shown if you look at the previous fiscal years (FY 11 – 14).