



Upton Selectmen's Newsletter

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Board of Selectmen Actions

Bob Fleming recently updated the Board on a concept development plan that the Library / Senior Center Feasibility Committee is working on. It's the Board's understanding that the Feasibility Committee wants to apply for a library construction grant and that some of the requirements of the grant would drive the physical layout of the building, size of the building, and impact shared usage of the building. The Board expressed concerns about the physical size, and lack of shared common space, and wondered how these factors would effect the development cost. It is the Board's position that a new Library and Senior Center are needed for our community. The Board is a staunch believer that shared opportunities provides better value to the taxpayer. Anyone that would like to participate in the process please reach out to the Library & Senior Center Feasibility Committee or the Board of Selectmen.

Project Updates

The Selectmen are investigating how to enhance and improve the existing audio visual presentation capability of the Town Hall meeting rooms.

The Affordable Housing Trustees are investigating and evaluating a special permit zoning bylaw for inclusionary housing and a RFP for a housing consultant services. Both components are eligible for CPA funding.

Government Business

The Upton Police Department is currently participating in a voluntary recertification program. The Police Department certification standards address various aspects of quality police management. The standards provide guidance and tools for police organizations who want to ensure that their services consistently meet the public's requirements, expectations, and that there is continuous improvement.

Community

Both of our regional school districts had a successful athletic fall season.

MURSD: The varsity field hockey team reached the Central Mass, division 3 semifinals round. The Boys varsity soccer team reached the Central Mass, division 3 finals. The Thanksgiving Day football game between Nipmuc and BVT was won by Nipmuc.



History

Christmas Greetings from

E. A. Willard Pellets Block
West Upton, Mass

Block Christmas card from Edgar A.
Willard's dry goods store in West Upton.

Recognition

Fire Chief Goodale repeatedly applying for a FEMA-AFG grant for self-contained breathing apparatus. This year the grant was awarded and will fund the purchase of the equipment.