



Upton Selectmen's Newsletter

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Board of Selectmen Actions

The Board of Selectmen is launching its first issue of a monthly newsletter. The newsletter is a way for the Board to reach out to the community and provide a summary of actions that are taking place in our community. The first issue will be provided for our residents in the Upton Town Crier. All other issues will be available on the Town website.

In October the Board signed its first Compact Community Agreement (CCA) with Lt. Governor Polito and received \$25,000 to implement the initiative. The area of focus of this agreement is to develop a series of fiscal best practice policies. CCAs are an opportunity for communities to enter into a partnership with the State to achieve mutually agreed upon goals that will deliver better government for our residents.

In October the Upton Board of Selectman met with the Hopedale Board of Selectmen to discuss the opportunities for shared services, such as regionalizing affordable housing consultant services, aquatic weed control, and capital equipment sharing. This regionalization initiative is part of the Board's strategic leadership plan to provide better service to the community at a low cost.

Project Updates

The Hartford Ave TIP project had its 25% design public hearing and it was well attended.

The Upton DPW Director and Milford officials continue to meet to coordinate future repairs to the Fisk Mill Bridge.

The Town continues to implement energy conservation measures funded by the Green Communities grant.

Government Business

The Board of Health secured a \$3,500 grant to strengthen recycling activities.

The DPW is apply for a State grant in the amount of \$16,620 that will be used to pay down the debt owed on the Station Street pump station.

The Board of Selectmen have decided to provide open business hours for our residents. The Chairman of the Board will be available for one-on-one dialog Tuesday nights from 5pm to 6pm.

Community Events

The Upton Cub Scouts will be having their annual Christmas tree sale on the VFW lawn starting on November 27th and ending on December 19th.

The Upton Bloomer Girls are having a fund raising raffle; Santa's sleigh which is full of gifts.

The Upton Men's Club is looking for new members and project ideas for the up coming year.



Ella Whitney Risteen

A historic and prominent figure from Upton's past. Donor of the Ella Whitney Risteen Beautification, School, and Welfare Trust funds.

Recognition

To the Upton Fire Department for containing a fire at 145 Main Street, known as the Knowlton Carriage House, on October 04, 2015.