



Upton Selectmen's Newsletter

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Board of Selectmen Actions

Opiate Initiative

The devastating impact of opiate dependency, abuse, and addiction is being strongly felt in our community and across the Commonwealth. We all know someone, be it a family member, a neighbor, a friend, or colleague that has been exposed to the challenges created by this heartbreaking public health crisis. No one is immune from this tragic epidemic or the struggles that confront and imperil families dealing with opiate addiction. The Selectmen have the means and the opportunity to take the lead to increase public awareness and engagement. The Selectmen pledge to help our community by developing a resource guide for families, those seeking treatment, and assistance, pilot innovative programs for our community's needs, partner with our school districts to implement programs aimed at prevention, and we will work collaboratively with private and public organizations to help our community deal with this epidemic. The Selectmen have and will continue to discuss this topic at their meetings.

Project Updates

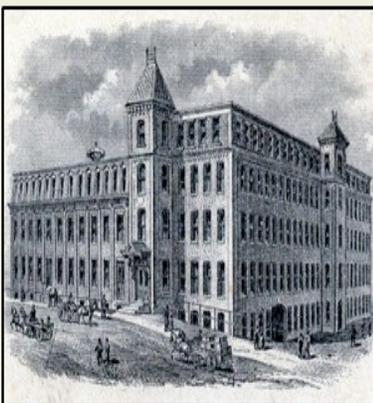
Installation of the energy conservation measures funded through the Green Communities designation grant was just completed. The town was designated a Green Community in December 2014 and awarded a \$148,350 designation grant in May 2015. The energy conservation measures, which included optimization of HVAC controls, lighting upgrades and weatherizing, and which were made at the Memorial School, Fire Department, Police Department, DPW and Wastewater Treatment Plant buildings, are projected to save the town \$34,814 a year.

Government Business

A Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, 03 March 2016. The warrant is comprised of six articles. Articles one through four are requesting authorization to amend the operating budget to fund wage adjustments and Town Counsel expenses. Article five is requesting to appropriate funding for a hot box paving machine. Additional funding is being made available with a State grant. Article six is requesting to appropriate funding to subscribe to a website that will provide added value to Town financial transparency.

Recognition

A three member team from the Upton Fire & EMS Department participated in the Fight for Air Climb, a fundraising event of the American Lung Association. The climb was located at One Boston Place in Boston and it required climbing 82 flights / 41 floors in full turnout gear and air packs. The three firefighters that participated in the event were Lt. Bonnie Lopez, Robert Johnson, and Seth Grill. The team raised \$1103 in memory of Aaron Goodale III and Sally Johnson. The team wants to acknowledge the many people who donated to the cause, especially the Upton Fire & EMS Association.



History

Knowlton Hat Factory
West Main Street

Now the site of the
Milhaus Apartments

