



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: March 20, 2015
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 75,164.62
- Expense Warrant: \$ 76,775.87

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- There is some good news to report with regard to fixing our roads now that winter is thinking of turning into spring. Governor Baker signed a bill for a one-time allotment of \$30 million in Chapter 90 funds that we'll be able to use for pothole repair and other repairs to roads, bridges and signs as a result of the harsh winter. Details will be forthcoming next week on how the Town can spend the \$48,897 we'll be allotted.
- A reminder that the open meeting law training was rescheduled to March 23rd – please contact Sandy to sign up either for the 3 PM or 6 PM session. We have about 45 people signed up between both sessions but we'd love to get more!
- No new articles or ones by petition were received for the annual town meeting warrant for the May 7th meeting. The list of articles is just shy of forty, lower than recent years. That may change as we determine what actions must be taken this year.
- I've contracted with a relocation specialist to assist us with the process of finding new accommodations for the tenant at 2 Grove Street. I would expect that process to take up to about four months with the State-mandated steps required.
- The budget process continues with the Finance Committee and Selectmen meeting this past week to discuss the overall gap which is now over \$1.7 million. The Boards decided this week to delay the override question to mid-May, probably the week of the 18th for an amount still to be determined.
- Next Friday I'll be participating in a career day at Miscoe Hill Middle School to talk about the opportunity to work in public service or as a Town Manager. If you have any ideas of what might make interesting props to take along, please let me know! I'm not sure how exciting this age group will find the Town budget, so I'm looking for ideas!
- Work on the TIP project is inching forward. The State is holding a design meeting on Thursday at which the variance from the complete streets requirement (sidewalks on both sides of the road) is expected to be approved. This will enable the 25% design public hearing to be scheduled, hopefully by some time in May.

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