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Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: April 26, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 79,261.07
- Expense Warrant: \$1,146,365.32

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- The Insurance Advisory Committee met on April 22nd to vote on whether or not to make changes to the co-pays for the health plans that go into effect on July 1st. They did not vote to make any changes, to the 10% increase will be in effect for the next fiscal year, and that change was contemplated in the FY 13/14 budget. We will revisit this issue again next year as part of the budget process.
- Just an FYI that the auction of Town Hall artifacts for sale in anticipation of the move out of Town Hall closes at 3 PM on May 2nd. You can find the 27 items for sale by clicking on: <http://www.publicsurplus.com/sms/upton,ma/list/current?orgid=174131>. We've also posted this link to a story on the Town's website so that residents who may be interested in these items can bid as well.
- We have been notified by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) that they are preparing to survey the Town of Upton relative to fire protection and the water supply and distribution system. Upton was last surveyed in 2004, and ISO plans to review our information in order to keep their insurance classifications up to date. There will be a large amount of information that needs to be gathered by both the Fire Department and DPW in order to respond to this request. I will keep you up to date on how this progresses.
- The RFP for electronic permitting has been distributed and responses are due back to CMRPC on May 9th.
- On Wednesday the Fire Department engaged a firm to come out and perform pump tests on our three engines. We are pleased to report that all three passed their tests and do not require any repairs to be in compliance. We did lose a section of hose, but better to do so at a test than at a fire!
- On the advice of our architect for the Police Station Exterior renovations we have revised the budget for this project to \$235,000 and will be shortly rebidding the work. Bids will be due in late May.

- The Town Hall Renovation Committee will be holding a “cookie social” at Town Hall next Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 PM. The purpose of this event is to invite the public to visit Town Hall, take tours and learn about the planned renovation of the building that will be the subject of Article #9 at Town Meeting. At 7:30 PM the Community Preservation Committee will hold their meeting which includes a public hearing on the Town Hall project. They will review the project and the budget, and vote on whether or not to recommend the project at Town Meeting for favorable action.
- We received word late today that the House has passed its version of the budget next year along with the \$300 million Chapter 90 bill. The House version includes a \$5 Million increase to Chapter 70, \$3 million to SPED Circuit Breaker, and \$500,000 to regional transportation. MMA is urging all communities to reach out to their Senators to move for quick action, particularly on Chapter 90 so that we don’t lose any more of the construction season than is necessary.
- The State of Massachusetts has received a federal disaster declaration from FEMA for the February 8/9 storm. This is good news that means subject to the documentation we turn in we will be eligible for up to 75% of our costs of this storm. Brian Kemp will be attending the briefing session next week to learn what must be done to assure that funding. We hope to get a better idea of when it will be received as well.
- As a reminder, Sunday April 28th is Loyalty Day in Upton. As usual the parade will step off from Memorial School and ends at the VFW Hall on Route 140. Please be there to line up around 11:30 so the parade can step off at noon.