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Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: May 10, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 82,923.36
- Expense Warrant: \$ 35,149.84

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- The Land Stewardship Committee has been working on a project to put a trail in on the land owned by the Town from Green Lane to Goss Pond as was envisioned when Bob Henderson gave the land to the Town. This has been met with some resistance by neighbors who have concerns about it. The intent is a for a three foot wide trail to the pond, but not completely around it, and a small sign to be put up as well so walkers know how it came to be. The Conservation Commission and Land Stewardship have reached out to the neighbors and are trying to include them in the process to bring this to fruition. We will keep you up to speed on how this develops.
- The Surface Transportation Board issued a ruling on Wednesday regarding the petitioner's case against the Grafton & Upton Railroad. The STB has denied the petitioners request for more discovery on the matter, as well as that additional information that had been submitted was received too late to be considered. The petitioners have 10 days to appeal this ruling, after which the STB will act on the petition.
- I had a meeting with our representative from MIIA for worker's compensation. Upton has had a very good year this year with regard to claims. There have been four, and of those just one was a lost time (employee out more than five days). It is expected that the total of losses from these claims will be less than \$4,000. This should benefit us when the FY 15 rates are calculated.
- I have communicated to the State that we will be attending the meeting in Hopedale on May 14th to hear a presentation on the casino gaming process and participate in a question and answer session with the ombudsman assigned to assist our communities.
- Congrats to all on a successful Town Meeting! All articles passed except that for mosquito control. The next month will be busy as we plan the move out of Town Hall so construction on the renovation can begin by the end of June.

- Just a reminder that Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27th with the parade and ceremony on the Town Common.
- It is not too soon to put on your calendars two events that will take place on June 1st – the Annual Police Fishing Derby, and the document shredding day sponsored by the Board of Health.