



# TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager  
Date: May 30, 2014  
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

### Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 83,834.82
- Expense Warrant: \$1,524,307.65

### For Your Information/Follow Up:

- We've received word that our efforts to get the Town's bond rating upgraded were successful. We had a conference call with Standard & Poor's last Friday and this week they voted to raise our rating from an AA to AA+. This will benefit the Town in future bond issues in that it may result in a more competitive rate due to the Town's strong financial condition. The Town's rating has been increased twice in the last four years, which is a testament to the efforts of all Town officials in making sound financial decisions and managing our resources responsibly.
- Good news on the State budget. The Senate has passed its version as proposed, which means additional revenue for State owned land of about \$7,000 and another \$1,000 or so for public libraries. At this point the House and Senate need to reconcile both versions to present to the Governor. As you know we budgeted the House numbers, so it looks as though we will not need to make any significant adjustments later this year.
- We have three open positions posted on our website. We have started the recruitment for the two Firefighter/Paramedic positions that are crucial to upgrading our ambulance services from EMT/BLS to Paramedic/ALS. We have also posted the Animal Control Officer opening to fill this position on a permanent basis.
- Over the weekend if you're out and about you may see the new Quint Fire Apparatus arriving in Town. Members of the Department will be heading down to Maryland to receive training on it and drive it back to Upton. We will be keeping the Ladder Truck in Service for a short period of time as we transition over, and then disposing of that first, and then Engine 2.
- Several annual Upton events are on the calendar for June – the Police Department's fishing derby on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the Men's Club fireworks in June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars!
- You may have read in the Milford Daily News last week that the Board of Health in Milford has expressed interest in acquiring from Upton public health nursing services. I believe that our Board of Health has started that conversation, which would require an

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Inter-municipal Agreement between the Boards of Selectmen in the two towns. I have not been approached by our BOH to discuss the particulars that would go into an agreement, but wanted to make sure you are aware of it. Any increase in hours to pay the nurse and provide her services to Milford will also require Special Town Meeting action during the year to increase the funding in the appropriate account.

- Trapping of beavers on both Southborough and Old Grafton Roads has been successful and we believe the water level should remain at an appropriate level for as we don't expect to see active dam building for some period to come.
- The Board of Health paper shredding day is Saturday at the Town Parking Lot on Route 140 in front of the playground in the morning.