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Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: May 31, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 78,410.48
- Expense Warrant: \$1,033,903.18

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- The final budget proposal from the State Senate is out. The major changes for Upton are two: first is that they have gone with the Governor's budget proposal for unrestricted general government aid of \$450,325. This is \$10,645 less than what the House proposed. However, they have increased the exemption for State owned land, and Upton would realize an additional \$4,385. At this point the two chambers need to reconcile the differences so that a budget can be sent to the Governor. As our budget showed a favorable amount of over \$50,000 after Town Meeting, the final state budget should not cause us any financial challenges for next year.
- The planning to move out of Town Hall for the renovation of the building is well underway and we have confirmed moving to the Church on Friday, June 21st. Once we've relocated the movers will be back the following week to take all items going to storage, and we'll then have a final push to remove from the building all remaining items that are no longer needed. We are working on signage for the Town Hall and Church to help people find us after the move, and will also advertise all of this through the website and the local press.
- The electronic permitting process is moving to the selection phase. The 9 towns reviewed the proposals received from four firms, and have selected GEO TMS and Full Circle Technologies to make presentations on June 4th. We hope to make a decision soon after that and be moving ahead to the implementation phase of the project.
- Next Monday Selectmen Brochu, Fleming and I plan to attend the presentation in Milford by the Casino developer. We hope to gain a better understanding of their intentions particularly as it pertains to surrounding communities.
- Unfortunately for the 2nd time we received no bids for the police station exterior renovation, despite 6 or so firms pulling plans, and several of them indicating to the architect that they would bid. The architect is checking with those firms as to why they didn't bid after all, and looking at some options to bid the work in smaller pieces, or

Perhaps even ask the State for a waiver from the DCAM certificate that seems to be the stumbling block to attracting bidders. As soon as we have a plan of how to address that I will let you know.

- Now that the Chapter 90 budget is set and well on its way to being available we are scheduling a bid opening for the proposed work to be done (Mendon Street, School Street, a portion of Crocket Road for paving, and Orchard and Oak Knoll Lane chip sealing). The bid will be opened next month.
- Don't forget, Saturday is both the Annual Police Fishing Derby, and the document shredding day sponsored by the Board of Health.