



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: June 12, 2015
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 95,706.42
- Expense Warrant: \$ 216,930.48

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- I am very pleased to let you know that Kelly McElreath has received the first annual "Town Clerk of the Year Award" from the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association. This award was bestowed on Kelly at the Association's annual conference this week. On behalf of all of us I am very proud that Kelly's hard work, achievements and performance have been recognized as exemplary in the State.
- Although the Town has had a designated Tree Warden for quite a long time, in recent memory we have not had a public hearing to remove a tree. State law requires that should someone want to take down a tree that is in the right of way of a Town road and the tree is not causing a danger to the public, a public hearing before the Tree Warden and the Planning Board is required. We have received a request from a resident of Mendon Street to remove a tree that meets this description, and that will be held at the Planning Board's June 23rd meeting.
- We took another step closer to a portion of the TIP project being approved and funded. Wednesday afternoon DPW Roy and I attended the CMMPO meeting where the board voted to send the 2016-2019 as proposed out for public comment. That plan includes 2/3 of Upton's Hopkinton Road/High Street/Hartford Avenue North project in for 2019 at a cost of \$6,749,000. The TIP will be finalized next month after the 30 day comment period is closed. We anticipate that the remaining third of the project would be included in 2020.
- I had a telephone call this week from Pat Cantor at Kopelman & Paige letting me know that she will be retiring at the end of the month. Pat has provided great service to the Town over the years as both our lead attorney, and in the area of planning and zoning matters. The items she has been handling will be taken over by Attorney Brian Winner, and we wish her health and happiness in her retirement.
- We have been alerted by National Grid that beginning this week they've started a project to do an aerial survey of their transmission lines. This project involves viewing the lines by helicopter, and this project will continue into August.

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- We are accepting applications through June 19th for both a Water/Wastewater Operator in Training now that we've promoted Scott Hennessey to Supervisor, and a part-time COA Van Driver. The postings, along with the Town application are available on our website.
- Today the Town Hall contractor performed a reset of the 2nd boiler at Town Hall. The boiler was not reliable over the first winter, and after a number of visits and adjustments this next step was determined to be necessary before we require the complete replacement of this unit.
- We've been notified by the Route 495 Partnership that the State will be holding Economic Development Plan Listening Sessions to provide constituents the opportunity to help shape the State's economic development plan. The central Massachusetts session will be on June 25th in Worcester. If you are interested in attending I can get you the details.