



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: September 27, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- We have received our payment from FEMA for the February 8/9, 2012 snow storm that brought about two feet of snow to Upton. The amount received was \$52,675.58 which will assist with our Free Cash for the prior fiscal year.
- The Animal Control Officer has given notice to resign to the Board of Health. As you know that person also filled the role of Dog Officer reporting to the Board of Selectmen. I will be working with the Board of Health to determine the best way to fill this role (consider regionalizing, hire a new person just for Upton) and let you know what is determined.
- We received this week notification from the attorneys for the Grafton & Upton railroad a copy of a filing in Superior Court to have the easement granted to Highland Ridge Company (Vahan Sarkisian) to cross the railroad tracks at Station Street rescinded. The Planning Board is aware of this as it relates to the Crosswinds subdivision currently being built. We are continuing to work with all parties to affect a meeting with the State regarding that crossing and what equipment it should have.
- The Police Chief, Fire/EMS Chief, Hopedale Chiefs, Town Coordinator and I met this week for our quarterly review of the dispatch services we provide to Hopedale. The meeting went quite well, and Hopedale affirmed that they are pleased with the service they are getting. We discussed some joint training opportunities for the future. Our dispatchers report that the increased call volume has actually been helpful to them, as they are using their skills more frequently, and this helps in staying sharp on how to handle such calls in the best way possible.
- A meeting with Vertex and the Library Director is scheduled for next week to discuss the scope of work to make the renovations to their space and carry out the recommended repairs to the building. We want to determine whether they are able to serve as the project manager to complete the work and move forward.

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