



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: September 4, 2015
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 81,586.35
- Expense Warrant: \$ 1,030,544.28

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- We have a new reporter assigned to us from the Milford Daily News. Her name is Corin Cook and she began her duties this week.
- We have a new member of the Upton employee family – Town Accountant Kenny Costa and his wife had a healthy baby boy named Gabriel last week.
- Have you noticed the fire hydrants lately? We had a project this summer to check and repaint them, and for the most part they are complete. They look great – thank you to the Water/Sewer division of DPW!
- At very long last the TIP Project – Public Hearing on the 25% design proposed for this project has been scheduled. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 22nd at the Nipmuc High School Auditorium. More details to follow as they become available.
- I'm pleased to report another federal grant won by our staff. The Police Department will be acquiring replacement armored vests as a result of a grant written by Sergeant Cyr. Our vests are more than five years old and it is good practice to replace them at this point.
- Please also mark your calendars for a Health Fair that is being sponsored by the Council on Aging to take place at Town Hall on October 21st. While it will be focused on seniors there will be a lot of good topics for all ages, and we're looking forward to utilizing the Main Hall for this program.
- Letters have gone out to property owners who live along the National Grid power lines regarding the proposed project to locate an extension of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline in this area. That would entail the installation of a line a distance of four miles through Upton. The company is setting up landowner information meetings to give property owners a chance to ask questions about the project. The one for Upton will be held on Monday, September 14th at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.
- There are two new postings for employment opportunities on the Town website. We are looking for paramedics to work on a per diem basis to fill shifts from time to time, as

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well as drivers in the DPW to operate Town vehicles during the winter snow season. The work for drivers will be on an on call basis depending on the weather and will drive either our new Oshkosh trucks, or a smaller vehicle depending on need.

- Painting of road lines has been scheduled for September 19th now that our pavement work is completed for the year. We're also scheduling some crack sealing to be done on streets where this application will help extend the life of road surfaces that are in good repair.
- A warrant has been opened for the Fall Special Town Meeting to be held on November 17th. Articles must be turned in to our office by September 25th.
- Please enjoy the Labor Day weekend. As a reminder, Town Offices will be closed on Monday in observance.