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Memo To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager  
Date: October 12, 2012  
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 79,150.61
- Expense Warrant: \$ 45,721.63

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- I have been in touch this week with Verizon regarding the large number of double poles that exist in Upton, as a result of our conversation about this at last week's meeting during the pole location hearing with National Grid. Verizon has asked us to send them a priority list of poles to be removed, and they will start addressing them. I don't know at this point how quickly they will act, but it was refreshing to have them express a willingness to do so.
- The design development phase of the Town Hall project is continuing. The architects, engineers and Owner's Project Manager will be on site each week for the next few weeks investigating the current conditions, discussing the various systems to be added to the building so that the design can be refined. The project is on track to bid out prior to the annual town meeting. Included in your meeting packet under monthly reports is a report from Vertex (OPM) on the project. This is the report that they will be submitting to the Building Committee on the progress of the project. As we are early in the process the report is not fully populated. If you would like we'll transmit it to you monthly.
- We had another productive meeting with Hopedale about dispatch services for them and have sent them a draft agreement for their consideration and discussion.
- The website goes live on Monday!!! On Monday you'll be able to log on to [www.uptonma.gov](http://www.uptonma.gov) and look around. We've talked to the Moderator about allowing us a few minutes at the Special Town Meeting to show it to residents and give them a quick overview of the offerings on the new page.
- Congratulations to the VFW for a very successful 5K race held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. I understand that the turnout was excellent, over 200 runners and walkers which is the most ever!

- As promised the GURR took care of improvements to the railroad crossings at Mendon, Plain, Grove and Pleasant Streets last weekend. The road beds have been repaved and the new signage will be up soon. I believe that we have reached an equitable conclusion on the outstanding issue of the temporary occupancy permit for Blackstone Valley Tech. The Building Official has provided a letter to the school asking for the school to send one back regarding several points, as well as a letter from the engineer for the project. Once those are in hand we expect the final certificate of occupancy to be issued and this matter finally closed.
- We found this week that the town hall boiler is leaking water, as you know this equipment has been problematic for quite some time. We've had the vendor in to apply more sealant, and he is optimistic that he can keep it running for us through this heating season, after which we are hopeful that renovation will take care of this issue.
- We received word today that the party appealing the decision of the Building Inspector not to enforce the zoning by-law on the railroad (Diana Del Grosso) to the ZBA will be asking for a continuance of the meeting from October 17<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the continuance is so that the STB can rule on this issue first. If the STB rules against the petitioners then the appeal to the ZBA would be a moot point. I've forwarded this to the ZBA and suggested that they agree to this continuance.