



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: November 22, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 71,253.84
- Expense Warrant: \$ 65,889.70

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- Milford held its referendum on the casino proposed by Foxwoods Massachusetts on Tuesday the 19th. By a vote of approximately 2 to 1 the question was defeated and the casino will not move forward. Thus the process to negotiate a surrounding community agreement with Foxwoods will cease.
- The Town Clerk bill is headed to the Governor's desk for signature! We received word this week that it had been approved by the Senate. As part of the Classification and Compensation plan we're creating a job description for this position and will fold it into the overall plan going forward.
- Work on Town Hall continues. The elevator shaft is finished, the framing in the attic spaces to put in the air handling units is in, and the units themselves are in the process of being put into place. The steel beams are being installed in the basement, and the temporary shoring will soon be taken down.
- We've put up a new surplus auction of the 1999 Animal Control vehicle, as well as an electric car and two compactors from DPW. That auction closes on December 3rd.
- The interviews were conducted for the Council on Aging Director this week. The panel interviewed six candidates and three were chosen to move forward to an assessment center exercise to take place the week after Thanksgiving.
- We are advertising the vacancy for the Veteran's Agent, and you will find it on line shortly. It will also be advertised in the Town Crier next Friday, and applications are due by December 12th.
- We are undergoing a process to review the cost of cell phones provided to town employees for their jobs to see if we can lower the cost and switch to a carrier that provides better coverage in Upton. The Town has utilized Sprint (previously Nextel) for a number of years but their technology is no longer as robust as that of AT&T and Verizon who are both located on the Warren Street tower. We are confident we can improve that service as well as bundle our plans and minutes in a way that will be more cost effective.

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- There was a fire on Mechanic Street this weekend originally called in as a brush fire. It turned out to be a fire in a hot tub causing about \$10,000 of damage. We were pleased to see 22 staff turn out for this event, especially if it had been a more serious event.
- A press release went out this week announcing that the Police Department has been recognized by the Department of Defense as a “Patriotic Employer”, for contributing to national security and supporting the National Guard and reserve force.