

To: Hubbardston Board of Selectmen
From: Raeanne Siegel, Town Administrator
Date: January 09, 2017
Re: Town Administrator's Report

Ragged Hill lots and Cell Tower lease: Both bid deadlines have passed, and while there was interest in both the lots as well as the lease, there were no bidders for either proposal. Currently, there are 16 lots for sale in town, on the market anywhere from 5 days to 2,531 days. There are a few options that the town could do to list them again. We could combine the lots from the cell tower lease, to make the Ragged Hill lots bigger, and more attractive. The town could also try to release both bids again the spring, to see if there is any interest at that time of year.

Enterprise Fund: This issue of the Enterprise Fund has come up over the past couple of budget years, and if there is still as need for it. While required to be self-sustaining, the fund has received subsidies for the past two budget cycles from the general fund. Ambulance revenues have increased, however, it is still too early to determine if another subsidy will be needed this year. Does the Board want to give the fund another budget cycle to weigh its benefits, or start the discussion of possibly getting rid of the fund?

Master Plan survey: The Planning Board Master Plan survey is now active, and will be available for residents to take part until January 31st. The link has been posted on the town website, Facebook page, through a news blast, as well as distributed through the Center School. For anyone that does not have access to a computer to take the survey electronically, there will be hard copies available at the various town offices.

250th Anniversary items: Karen Butland has been working diligently on getting the proper documentation in order to get the flags up on Main Street. I have signed the agreements with National Grid and Verizon, we are just waiting on a final signature from Verizon to be all set to hang the flags. One bit of a setback is the pallet company will not give its approval for the fireworks to take place at Curtis Field, therefore a new location needs to be found. Two possible locations could be Reitta Ranch, or Mt. Jeff.

US flag flown over State Capitol: Rep. Berthiaume's office is currently working on obtaining for the town a US flag that has been flown over the State Capitol. As soon as it is available, and the town is in possession of the flag, we will make arrangements to have the flag hung on the flag pole located on the common.