

To: Hubbardston Board of Selectmen

From: Raeanne Siegel, Interim Town Administrator

Date: June 27, 2016

Re: Town Administrator's Report

- 1. Town Administrator Search Committee:** The Town Administrator Search Committee has been formed. The members are Dave Simmerer, Ed Blanchard, Jamie Pitney, John Nason and Maryann DiPinto representing the public at large. Government/Staff members include Sanda Barry from the Parks Commission, Police Chief Dennis Perron, Fire Chief Bob Hayes, and Dennis O'Donnell representing DPW. The first meeting date is tentatively scheduled for July 18th at 6:30 in the Senior Center.
- 2. Rutland Dispatch:** The Director of Rutland Dispatch, Nick DaDalt, is leaving to pursue a new career with National Grid. Chief Perron, Chief Hayes and I attended a meeting in Rutland on the 15th, which discussed the transition period. Nick has stated, and Rutland agreed, that he will stay on, working a minimum of 5 hours per week for approx. one year, to ensure a smooth transition. Nick stated at this meeting that he feels that he will need to work much more than the 5 hours per week to be able to work with his replacement. Rutland is in the process of establishing a hiring committee for his replacement. Hubbardston will be represented by Sgt. Ryan Couture. Rutland has posted this position internally, with the Rutland BOS requesting at their last meeting to have an external posting as well.
- 3. Regional Dispatch:** The Town is in the process of finding funds to finance the FY'16 shortfall. Rutland Dispatch has stated the shortage is due to unforeseen employee changes, as well as not receiving grant funds that were expected. We are currently exploring other towns that would be interested in joining with Hubbardston for a new regional dispatch arrangement. Currently Westminster is interested, and we are waiting on some concrete figures, as well as if moving is allowed by 911. I hope to have more information for you on this potential new arrangement for our next meeting.
- 4. Berkshires to Boston Bicycle Tour:** The annual Berkshires to Boston Bicycle Tour will be taking place in September, with the tour passing through Hubbardston on Friday, September 16th. The tour is expecting approx. 140 riders this year. The tour generally does not need support from the town, they are only providing notification that there will be an abundance of cyclists in town on the 16th.