

To: Hubbardston Board of Selectmen

From: Raeanne Siegel, Interim Town Administrator

Date: July 11, 2016

Re: Town Administrator's Report

- 1. Worcester Road project:** According to DPW Director Tim Kilhart, the \$3.7 million Worcester Road Mass DOT project is on for FY'17. This will encompass from Elm Street to the Rutland town line. In addition, Tim is working with the state to have bridge work on Route 62. Right now, the state has the bridge listed as a culvert. By having the state declare it as a bridge will make it eligible for money for the repairs.
- 2. Comet Pond:** There have been many issues this summer with the gate being closed to residents looking to use Comet Pond, particularly on Thursdays and Fridays. June 30th had over 60 cars lining Route 68, due to the gate being closed. According to DCR, they are short on lifeguards, and therefore are unable to properly supply Comet Pond with the required number of lifeguards on Thursdays and Fridays. I have explained the hazard that this creates on the street, and have asked that DCR work to maintain the proper number of lifeguards during the entire summer. DCR did state that they will have lifeguards for all this week. I will check on a regular basis to make sure that this remains consistent. Going forward for next summer, I will be working with the Parks Commission, to see about gaining partial control of the Pond. This will allow the Town to hire our own lifeguards and provide swimming lessons, with the liability remaining with DCR. We will also be looking into providing town residents with free access, while charging a fee for out of town residents to park and use the pond.
- 3. Multi Board Quabbin BOS Meeting:** The meeting with Selectboards from all five QRSD towns is set for this Wednesday July 13th at 6:30 in the Senior Center. Items on the agenda are the FY'17 as well as possible correspondence to the School Committee. It would be most productive to discuss the items needed for the letter at this meeting, and then any possible correspondence drawn up afterwards, to make sure all the concerns of all towns are included.
- 4. New Vehicles:** Chief Perron obtained the new admin cruiser, which was delivered on July 5th. It is a Chevrolet Impala, which was outfitted with the proper equipment on July 6th. The chief was able to purchase the cruiser and the equipment for under the approved \$25k. The patrol cruiser will be purchased in the coming month or so. The ambulance will take a bit longer. According to Chief Hayes, it takes approx. 220 days for the ambulance to be built. He is in the beginning stages of the process.
- 5. New office equipment:** Thank you to Chief Perron, Sgt. Forte, and DPW for taking the time to build the new office desks that came in last week, as well as moving the old equipment. We appreciate their team work, and for Chief Perron having extreme patience while building two of the three desks.