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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT November 7, 2011

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• TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the Conservation Commission (2), Council on Aging (1), Parks and Recreation Committee (2). These are all listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

• WATER TANK

Schedule is on track.

Staging for tank construction - in construction

Water line project up Hastings Road- comp. to tank

Nat Gun - Completed

Five Oaks Construction

High Street

On line

November, water treatment ready

Gardner Hill

Design

Bid

Repairs Complete

May 1st- 2012

June 1st

November 30th

Notified by Tighe & Bond that new pumps will be delivered to plant by Nov 4th.

First pump to be installed by 11/7 and second one by end of week.

▪ UNEMPLOYMENT

Chief Barrett, Sgt Chris Conrad and I attended unemployment hearing for Thomas Thomann on Friday Nov. 4th. Mr. Thomann resigned from his position in September.

We have also received two more claims where our part time, on-call personnel have lost their full time positions and Ashburnham is required to pay a portion of their claim even though still employed with us.

- **CDBG FY2012**

Kevin Flynn will be at BOS meeting Nov 7th to hold a public session for the FY12 Community Development Strategy Program.

Income surveys were distributed in the South Main Street area and a special thanks to Ron Reed, Leo Janssens, Mary Beth Janssens, Mike Salem, and Carol Blanchard for assisting in the distribution of the surveys. If you received a survey we urge you to return your form to MRCP as soon as possible.

Steve Nims is finalizing costs and meeting with MRPC.

Public Hearing on Ashburnham Community Development Strategy for the CDBG application will be held @ 6:30pm on November 21, 2011 at BOS meeting.

- **COA**

Seniors are settled in upstairs in Town Hall and we are gathering information to request a variance on kitchen requirements from MOC with Nashoba Board of Health. There are alternative plans which will include serving pre-packaged meals. The Open House held on Monday October 24th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. was a great success and over 40 people attended.

Thanks to Bill Johnson for a donation of pans for the food warmer.

- **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Need to review the STM held on October 19th.

- **TAX RATE**

Assessors are awaiting the state to certify new growth so that tax rate can be set. The tax classification hearing will be held at the BOS meeting on December 5th. All else is ready to go.

- **TREASURER**

Anne Cervantes our Treasurer has taken a position as Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Sterling. Anne will be sorely missed and I ask that you please join me in wishing her the best in her new endeavor. Anne's last day will be November 27th. I will not only be working on replacing Anne but also there is an opportunity to change how we operate.

- **PILLSBURY ROAD**

Received a call from a resident who would like to pay for the paving of approximately 150 feet of Pillsbury Road, which is in Ashburnham. Steve Nims and I met with the resident on Nov 3rd. Under MGL Chapter 44 section 54A, by vote of the Board of Selectmen, the Town can accept such funds for this purpose. I am therefore going to request the Board to accept the gift from the Awtry family for this purpose.

- **CABLE ACCESS**

I have contacted Tim Kelly from Comcast about cable access for Rindge State Road and Old Pierce Road.