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Land Use Office
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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT May 19, 2014

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (3) Council on Aging Board, (1) Capital Planning Committee and (1) Advisory Board. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

BUDGET FY 15

Annual Town Meeting was completed in just over two hours consisting of 21 articles. Although I felt everything went well there were several areas where less than complete information caused confusion. Examples include the tax rate. This is only half of the equation and a proportional rise in the rate is a direct result of drop on property values, whereas most people are concerned with what they ultimately pay and we are in the lower half of the state. The other was the foreclosure rate. This is a per capita rate not total volume and in recent years has completely turned around, or backlog 4 years ago was 110 properties and now is less than 30.

DPW

The \$52,057 that the state released for pothole repairs this spring will be used mostly on the road repair on route 101 from Cross Street to Mr. Mike's and will begin on 15th.

Route 12 resurfacing will begin Monday the 19th. The project will consist of milling and resurfacing from Old Nims Road to the Winchendon town line.

New Cemetery entrance is being reconstructed to include pavement and a rotary with a flag pole and walkway. It is scheduled to be complete by Memorial Day.

Water Line Project: Ad went into the Central Registry on 21st of May with Bid opening on June 5th.

Steve Nims and I met with MRPC and the design phase of the intersection at Williams and Corey Hill has been moved up into the FY 14 year. This phase of the project has an estimated cost of \$238,000 to be paid by state and federal funds. The construction phase will be in FY 15 or 16.

VMS

Building has been remediated and razed. The property has been leveled and hydro seeded. I want to thank Ray Bresnahan for his support and guidance on the asbestos remediation and Steve Nims for over seeing the demolition and restoration of park land.