



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JUNE 6, 2016

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following: (1) Council on Aging Board and (1) Conservation Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

BUDGET

Spending for FY16 in all departments is right in line. I am going to schedule a joint Advisory Board and BOS meeting on July 11th to make the final interdepartmental and reserve fund transfers. We will be able to cover the entire FY15 snow and ice deficit.

APPOINTMENTS FY17

I have made all my appointments for FY17. Bill Johnson has stepped up and we need one more to join Tammy Collier on the Trust Fund Commission. We still have one opening on this Commission.

CDBG PROGRAM

The town received a loan payoff from the Community Development Block Grant Program of \$43,875. This discharge of two loans (one for sewer the other for housing rehab) was due to someone selling their property. These funds can be used for any purpose and are not tied to any outstanding loan payments that the town must make. The program allowed residents to borrow for housing and septic rehabilitation and as long as they stayed in their property, had to make no payments, but if they left prior to the twenty years they had to pay off the balance.

I am asking the Board to vote to apportion the \$43,875 as follows: \$21,375 to sewer receipts and \$22,500 to general fund revenues.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Roy Bros. was the successful bidder on the boiler and installation has begun. I have also set up a meeting to get an estimate for replacing the Town Hall lighting. Library insulation is now complete.

WATER & SEWER

Water and sewer bills were due last week and it appears that both budgets will end up with a small balance in free cash when certified.

The balance of the USDA grant for the water line project will be used to do repairs on the Pressure Reducing Valve system at the corner of Williams and Rt 101. There is a balance of about \$70k.

The sewer department has been discussing the options of a grant to make needed repairs and improvements on the Westminster Pump station. USDA wants the funds from the water project used up first.

DPW FACILITY

Building Inspector Dick Reynolds met with Steve Nims and me about the inspection that is overdue on the DPW facility on Central Street. Should immediate action be required due to the inspection, we are working on a plan to accommodate the storage of our diesel equipment that cannot be left out in the winter months.

ROAD GRANT

As I stated at the town meeting, we will be applying for a road resurfacing grant that will open up on June 1, 2016. This is intended to cover Lake Shore Drive, Ferin Road, Harris, and Cross Road. Total value will be \$1M, and selection will be in the fall with monies available in the spring.