



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT August 15, 2016

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following: (2) Conservation Commission, (2) Trust Fund Commission, (1) Library Trustee, and (1) Downtown Focus Committee. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

BUDGET

Sylvia has put together the department budget format for FY18, she has also sent out FY18 Capital Plan requests to begin review.

DPW

Steve Nims, Mary Calandrella, and I met with the DEP in Worcester on July 20, 2016, regarding the Transfer station. It was a good discussion and we have several items that need to be resolved. We will be notified of a Consent Action and a timeline for compliance. Several of the conditions that they may put on us may facilitate the closing to the public of the transfer station. Things such as storm water plans, inspections, and overall governance may become too costly on the users to keep the Transfer Station open. We are asking for clarification and relief on many of the requirements that are more applicable to larger facilities.

The modifications to Williams' intersection are underway and look very good. Want to thank the Light Department for their support in the project. Plans for the PRV modification is being put together.

Road paving will start at Chapel within the next few weeks.

A status conference call with Tighe & Bond was done on July 19, 2016 on the design of Watatic Dam. T&B will be looking for funding options and time lines which will come into play in the spring of 2017.

We were notified by MRPC that the Route 101 paving project has been slotted into the 2020 TIP. Cost is estimated at \$5,040,000. Due to the magnitude of the project its movement up on the list is not anticipated, but having a representative on the board will keep us informed and positioned to take advantage of any openings.

GREEN ENERGY

Our initial project funding for the Green Energy Grant is winding down, we have about \$5,000 left of the \$153,825 that we received.

INTERIM TA

From September 1, 2016 to September 15, 2016, I will be separated from the town due to my retirement. During that time I am recommending that Sylvia Turcotte be appointed the Interim Town Administrator with an additional stipend of \$500 a week.