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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT November 21, 2011

Town Administrator's reports are available on line at; <http://www.ashburnham-ma.gov>

- **TOWN COMMITTEES**

Currently there are still (2) openings on the Conservation Commission. These are 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

New pumps: The first is in and working the second will be on line this week.

Due to weather conditions the tower may be postponed until spring.

- **UNEMPLOYMENT**

Chief Barrett, Sgt Chris Conrad and I attended an unemployment hearing for a former employee on Friday Nov. 4th. Our next session and hopefully last, is scheduled for December 8th.

- **CDBG FY2012**

The first push for income surveys yielded about 50% of residents in the target area. If residents want an opportunity to get their road paved, surveys must be submitted. Public Hearing on Ashburnham Community Development Strategy for the CDBG application will be held @ 6:30pm on November 21, 2011 at BOS meeting.

- **COA**

The Council has moved out of the VMS! Kudos to Maggie Whitney, Donna Burton and Ed Schlott and others for their hard work in cleaning, organizing and disposing of all the clutter left behind in the VMS Building so that it would be "move in ready" for the next tenants, the North Country Sustainability Center, Inc.

- **TAX RATE**

The tax classification hearing will be held at the BOS meeting on Monday, December 5th. All else is ready to go.

- **TREASURER**

With Anne Cervantes' last day being November 27, 2011, I have posted the job opportunity. I request that the Board support my appointment of Barbara Brown as the Interim Treasurer and to compensate her appropriately during the interim period. The posting has been advertised in the Gardner News, our web site, and the MA Treasurer/Collectors web site as well as posted at Town Hall and the Public Safety Building.

- **CABLE ACCESS**

Tim Kelly from Comcast responded to our request as follows:

Per our construction coordinators calculations there are only 8.6 homes per mile on Rindge Rd which we would need to build before considering Old Pierce Rd. Here are his comments:

"This morning I did a little research and found the last time we had a request for Rindge State Rd was 11/4/2010 from the resident at 197. I went as far back as 2006 and noticed we have sent five non-serviceable letters to this resident. Also in order to get to Old Pierce Rd we have to build Rindge State Rd. The last estimates I have don't meet the HPM. If we build to the last house on Old Pierce Rd the HPM is 8.60"

As a result we will not automatically extend our cable distribution plant to this area at our sole cost and expense. Please let me know if you have any questions about the above. Thank you. Tim

- **VMS LEASE**

I have submitted a lease. This is the same lease format as was done with the Bresnahan Center that was cut and pasted. It is for one year. I also request the Board to authorize a gift account for the purpose of paying bills associated with the operation of the center.

- **AUDIT**

Bill Fraher is in the process of auditing FY11. Once it is completed I will set up a meeting for him to report to the BOS and Advisory Board.

- **PILOT**

Agreement has been made between the AMLD and the LLC Corporation for the pass through amounting to \$25,000 per 1MW installation for the next 20 years. Working to generate a PILOT agreement, for fixtures and structures associated with the solar installation, which will be set-up through the Assessor's office.