

FROM: Bill Lawrence, Town Manager

DATE: May 12, 2017

TO: Board of Selectmen

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

**Park Committee** has informed me that they will be planting a Christmas tree at the Woolen Mill Park in a few weeks. They also asked again about the playground chips for Payson Park. I said we would have to wait for the conditions to get dryer but is on the work schedule.

**Public Works:** We have hired an Interim PW employee, Stephen Lombardo, to fill the vacancy created by another employee out on short term disability. The crew has been cleaning out ditches. Dig safe has been completed on the new paving project for the summer so the crew can do its prep. Mandatory safety training will be at Union on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fire Department** responded to an accident this week on Rte. 1 where fatalities had occurred. During the response, the fire department bay door was damaged when it came down on engine 6. We will be looking into garage door sensors and discussing preventive measures during our safety meeting. There will be live burn training in South Thomaston and Chief Andrews has applied for a safety grant with MMA for safety vest for all members. George Field Jr and Doug Gammon will one more class to compete at Fire Attack School.

**Staff Meeting** was held on Monday.

**Road Discontinuance** which encompasses the back portion of Packard Mill Rd from pole #7 to the dead end. Order of Road Discontinuous has been reviewed by our attorney, Bill Kelley. Letters have been sent to all those who own property on this road. This order will be brought before the Board of Selectmen on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**YTD Financials:** The revenue report reflects 105.64 collected. The expense report average YTD should be at 84% and we are under at 80% with two months left in the fiscal year.

**Transfer Station** brought in \$4,616 in revenue during the month of April. Demo was at \$1,681 and small bags were at \$1,680. There has been a large amount of commercial deposits of florescent light bulbs which have been free to deposit them. We will be asking the Board of Selectmen to allow us to start charging .25 for 2', .50 for 4' and \$1.00 for 8'.

**Ambulance** responded to 27 emergency calls for the month of April. 4 of these were motor vehicle accidents.

**Veteran's Park:** DOT has agreed to take down the trees and chip the brush at Veteran's Park. I spoke with Peter Lambert of Thomaston who has recommended sugar maple or red oak for the trees in the park. He suggested to plant every 7 feet from the stump of the old trees and two on either side of the monument. He said we should think about planting trees with a three inch diameter.

**Boat Registration:** Sherry announced we can now offer boat registrations on line. Melissa has placed this link on our website.