
MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 13, 2013
CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting Monday May 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Last week I spent a lot of time researching possible grant opportunities for the Town, both energy and otherwise. The US Department of Agriculture offers a wide variety of municipal grants although unfortunately our median household income is too high to qualify.

I am still playing phone tag with our community representative at PSNH to discuss some potential monies they might have available to improve energy efficiency through their Municipal Smart Start Program. Charlie also passed along information to me about an exciting potential grant through the US Department of Transportation for construction projects. Rural projects need to be over \$1 million, ready to be constructed in the spring/summer of 2014, and may be funded at 100% by US DOT. Gary and I are investigating if the permanent bridge on the Turnpike is a viable candidate with a good chance of being successful.

I also worked with our assessor Dave to finalize the pick-ups for this year so all of our values would be set for the 1st tax warrant and bills of the year. Among other minor additions, we took care of adding the values of Comcast and FairPoint's use of the Town's right-of-way and the value of the fourth cell tower constructed this year.

Finally, I worked on putting together a draft RFP for solid waste and recycling hauling to start my discussions with Becky.