
MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: February 23, 2015
CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting Monday 2/23 at 6:30 p.m.

I have confirmed with Bennington that the Tri-Town gravel meeting Bennington and Antrim requested will be this Thursday at 6 PM at Bennington Town Hall. Gary and I are planning to attend.

Chief Kullgren has informed me that installation of the new furnaces in the truck bays has been completed. Now that the infrastructure for the propane system is in place the Chief is working on scheduling the installation of the new office furnace.

Last week the annual report went off to the printer and the proof came in today. We are anticipating full delivery on Monday March 2nd.

Based on the budget to date Gary is requesting an additional \$10,000 to the Salt line. This is the third consecutive year we are on pace to overspend the \$43,000 budgeted for this account and based on how we have cut back several of the other lines in this budget (fuel and overtime, primarily) it would be difficult for the Highway Department to absorb a significant overrun in this account without impacting services.

I have requested that Dave M. go through Avitar and clean out some of the stale “notes” on various properties, many of which are no longer relevant and some of which date back as far as 2009. He was in the office on Tuesday and among other things he got started on that effort. We are approaching the March 1 abatement deadline and so far we have only received abatements for properties for which we are currently in discussions regarding disputed values (PSNH/Eversource and Crotched Mountain Golf Course).

Town Hall update – Michael P. has returned to me some documentation regarding the owner’s rep “job description.” While he is away this week I am working on tailoring this information to our project and situation to compile a first draft for him to review. I also received a call today from Jenna Lapachinski, LCHIP’s new Historic Resource Specialist, who mixed up her dates for a meeting at the Town Hall with Michael P., Elly, and me. Since she was already at the Town Hall, I gave her a brief tour so she can be in a better position to make informed recommendations to the rest of LCHIP regarding some of our outstanding design questions.