
MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: January 25, 2014
CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting 1/27 at 6:30 p.m.

As has been the case lately, despite a holiday on Monday this was another long and busy week with the final sprint towards the finish line of the auditors coming next week. I also worked on the 2013 Annual Facility Report for the Transfer Station. On Wednesday I attended the BAC meeting and discussed some of their budget and warrant article questions in anticipation of their meeting with you Monday.

Dave Marazoff and I discussed the timeline for our revaluation which will be kicking off shortly. In February and March he will be working primarily on general assessing work such as pickups and abatements. In April Dave will be visiting properties that have sold within the last 12 – 18 months, continuing into May when he finalizes sale verifications and analysis. During June he will primarily be performing drive-by inspections of all other properties. Taxpayer value hearings will be held in July over three days, including a weekday evening and a weekend day. The process will wrap in August with our completion date scheduled for August 15.

We also received word the BTLA has rescheduled our hearing with the Francestown Village Water Company to early March. I continue to believe we will be able to reach an agreement that is in the best interests of both sides.

Dave and I also met with Donald Shumway and Michael Terrian from Crotched Mountain Foundation to answer some questions they had and discuss their taxation status going forward. They emphasized their priority was having an open dialogue with the community to come to a mutually acceptable agreement, likely using a Payment in Lieu of Taxes.