
MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 12, 2014
CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting 5/12 at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday Betsy and I met with Amy Dixon from LCHIP regarding the grant the Town received in 2012 to assist in funding the structural work done in the basement. The Town still has a few remaining steps to close out the grant and receive the final payment. First, she provided me with a stewardship agreement that needs to be signed by the Board. The Town also needs to complete a baseline documentation report, which I discussed with the Heritage Commission on Saturday and they agreed to hire Barbara Miller to assist with that and with the our forthcoming application. In addition to the information on the old grant, we learned some information about how the past receipt of LCHIP funds (and our hope to receive a subsequent grant) limits what changes we can make to the building. They suggested that we could contact James Garvin, the former state architectural historian who now serves as a consultant, so he can provide a report that lays out the character defining features of the building. This will help us get a sense of what areas we will and will not be able to change. I have reached out to Mr. Garvin to see what his services would cost and what his schedule looks like. Betsy, another member of the Heritage Commission, and I are planning to have a discussion with Mike P. this week about some of the information LCHIP provided.

Construction on the Turnpike Bridge did not begin today (Monday), however we are optimistic that it will not be delayed too long. We are still waiting for FairPoint to finish moving the utilities. Last week I also performed the reporting for NH Retirement System for the month of April.

Dave got all of our assessing pick-ups into the system and ready for the tax warrant for the July billing to be printed and prepared for your signing tonight.