



June 25, 2019

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Edmund R. St. John, Town Administrator

RE: Town Administrator's Report

General Updates

I decided not to attend the MIIA sponsored training in Dalton. As I looked more into it, the savings would have been negligible for the Town and would have consumed a large portion of my day. I felt that my time was better spent in Town.

The COA met on Wednesday and elected Gene Gebarowski as their new chair. They also recommended Lynda Bianchi for one of the permanent seats on the COA. Besides the spot Mrs. Bianchi will fill, there is one open seat on the COA board and 3 open alternate seats now.

The Coordinator position was posted in iberkshires and the Berkshire Eagle. The cost for the Berkshire Eagle ad is \$580 and iberkshires was \$199. We also posted on our website and it was making the rounds on Facebook. So far, we have received 2 applications, 1 directly from the Eagle/monster.com.

On Thursday, our website launched and the reception has been very positive. One resident has utilized the contact feature to ask about line/crosswalk painting. That feature works very well. Of course, if there are any comments/critiques/suggestions, I would certainly like to hear them.

I met with an individual looking to conduct commercial activities out of the elementary school's kitchen. This was preliminary and we have to look into various code/inspection questions that could come up.

I received a report detailing the sprinkler system we will need. As of right now, just that section could cost upwards of \$120,000. I am pursuing grants for that.

I walked Old West Mountain Road. I observed two gates that go across the public way. I have reached out to Town Counsel to see what our next steps and options are. In the meantime, I suggest the Board consider discontinuing maintenance of this way, pursuant to G.L. c. 82, Sec. 32A. This still allows for the public to have the right of access over the way, but the Town will cease to maintain it.

Upcoming

Tomorrow, I have a meeting scheduled with a representative from National Grid to talk about our street lights.