



July 30, 2019

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Edmund R. St. John, Town Administrator

RE: Town Administrator's Report

General Updates

The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$1,900 to Cheshire's Food Pantry as part of BTCF's Berkshire Fresh and Healthy Food Fund. We are very grateful for the Foundation choosing to support this great new cause started by Carol Francesconi and Carole Hildebrand, with wide support from the community, including the Cheshire Fire Department.

I have continue to work on the Warner Gate issue. The attorney for the Kruszyna's will join Attorney Mozian and myself on August 6.

We advertised for bids for the catch basin repair work and the bid packets are available. They are also posted on the Town's website. Bids are due back by August 6, 2019 at 6 pm.

The Highway Department again inspected the Bator property off of Rt. 116. As designed, it is doing what it is supposed to do. We are looking into ways of fixing that. We are also looking at ways to address drainage issues on Outlook Ave. While there is no quick answer to this, we are working diligently to find an answer.

Highway Superintendent

I have reached out to union re: Interim Role but haven't heard back yet. Moving forward, my recommendation would be to appoint Jason Hollerich to role of Interim Superintendent, contingent upon contract negotiations. Therefore, we should schedule an executive session for next week.

I have spent considerable time reviewing the job description for this position. As it is written, it certainly accomplishes the goals that you identified last week. It will be in the interviews where I believe you will distinguish which candidates will do what you are looking for.

Hutchinson's Water Company

We have received a number of calls regarding the Consumer Confidence Report that was recently issued. I have spoken with our Water Superintendent, Chair of the Board of Health, as well as a gentleman from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. As he puts it, as we've often heard, the Town has no jurisdiction over the private water company, and, unfortunately, the Town has no obligation. People should contact the water company's owner, Matthew Hutchinson at 413-281-5609 or contact the Mass. DEP's western office at 413-784-1100.