



July 9, 2019

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Edmund R. St. John, Town Administrator

RE: Town Administrator's Report

General Updates

We finalized the ballot question concerning the proposal to change the parade route.

Mr. Warner contacted an attorney who is challenging whether the road in question is, in fact, a public way. I contacted the Department of Transportation's Lenox office and they referred me to the Registry of Deeds. However, I feel pretty confident that indeed it is, as it was an old County Road and I have found many references to it, the public has used the road until gates were recently put across from it. Hopefully, this situation will come to a resolution soon.

We have received approximately 15 applications for the COA position. Interviews should be set up soon.

In response to a request made by one of the Conservation Commission members, I researched the topic of membership of that group. The Board of Selectmen, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, sec. 8C has the authority to appoint a conservation commission and, according to statute, the commission shall consist of not less than 3 nor more than 7 members.

I spoke to Mark Stinson regarding a complaint of mowing on a property on Wells Road. While mowing is not expressly prohibited, he did suggest that this is a matter that should be referred to the Conservation Commission and they may be able to issue an order.

Upcoming

With the new fiscal year, a number of grants are opening up. I am spending a considerable amount of time focusing on these. Grants include money for infrastructure work and other programs that would benefit the Town.