

Coordinator report October 22, 2020

At the end of contract term, we changed all town electric accounts to TX wind. This was at end of current power purchase term. It saved us a few mils and more importantly moved us to green power source.

Laurie the accountant is nearly ready to submit our year end and get free cash certified. I met with finance committee and we reviewed spending year to date and revenue.

Doc signed the extension of time on the MBI broadband grant agreement. We have almost reached the 50% mark on achieving 25/3.

Steve K got the starter solenoid repaired after finding a group of elderly knowledgeable Onan generator experts who were able to supply a wiring diagram. It was not intuitive. We plan to donate \$20 of town funds to this group. Steve has also been in contact with a generator mechanic for some other modifications to the exhaust and ventilation of the garage that houses the generator. The unit uses the same ignition points as a 56 Ford, and he is installing a new condenser. We replaced the 8D starting battery.

We transferred the C2 net meter credit agreement from Pioneer Valley to the Town. We are waiting on the credits to appear on our bill. This sometimes takes months to process. We have trouble paying the C2 invoice until we see the goods in our account. We finally got an account number from NGrid for the school.

Continuing to study the motor drives, VFDs. Consider changing to a demand ventilation system. Probably keep w/ existing 5 hp exhaust and not run them much. Replace the supply side with green ECM single phase motors. Goal is a demand ventilation system controlled by the EMS system.

Tax rate setting is in progress. Goal is bills mailed before Jan 1. As part of the process the DOR has scheduled Monday, 11/16 for Certification Review. We will schedule the Tax Classification hearing following this approval of the basis, the assessed valuation. This was a re-valuation year. This revaluation will not pick up the recent market appreciation. The tax rate is a function of the assessed valuation and the tax levy.

I am working with the FCSWMD (waste district) to have the recycling tire pickup they are scheduling among the members end in Warwick at McKnight property. We will need to stack the tires and probably need a trash pump to suck out the water. Also need to coordinate volunteers or find some temporary hires to put tires in piles.

Working on the CARES Act funding application submission which is due by month end.

Alan Genovese, Nathan Swartz, and I are write in candidates for PV SC. I am running on the two-year line from Warwick. I have limits!

The Six Town Planning Board is digesting the consultant 100-page report. I believe we need to go county wide with local elementary. Merging with Gill/M is a short-term lateral move which will be politically difficult. Let us plan.

My thinking is that these may be revolutionary times and educational incumbency may be dead. Instead, V is getting a chance. And perhaps experiential leaning as well. Our rural area has been characterized by low pop and low pop density. Now new folks are moving in; we are finding more kids; 9 of 23 kids went down the mountain to Northfield; plus, six new to town are going there. And we have 19 former PV students in V or HS.

We are seeing great housing demand; and people are moving in not just buying second homes. Prices are up 30%

I recommend a Super union, each local elementary under the local SC in a Super union; and a county wide district; specialization by member high schools; intra transportation gets state aid. The merger shows no economies. I am sure that lack of savings was baked in by GM Super in favor of more offerings. Savings may be possible

The big issue for constellation may be Political Linkage – keeping the local elementary school committee will mean all the difference. This is a big project and I want it to become bigger. It is just so much easier to be oppositional in politics than engage in positive advocacy. I think we should shoot for a longer-term solution for all the friction this will cause.

If that does not work, if we regionalized with Greenfield, they and we would get state subsidy for transportation...