

Coordinator report January 28, 2021

Fire Chief will attend and report on current and future grant activity. This includes breathing devices, and he is in pursuit of a new engine. He will update us on the digital radio upgrade, the radio grant and supplemental budget; and I hope we can define a plan to acquire the additional gear desired within / during three-year grant pricing.

Kurkoski's will attend to discuss Fire Station construction and specifically windows. Chief and BEC met last week. The doors are on site. Steve's notes are included in the meeting package. I note a potential donation of the cost of triple glazing these new windows.

This is a report on municipal electric aggregation low-income discount assignment. We do not have the MOU and admin service agreement before us. And we may have it by Monday night. We could extend better pricing to R2 customers at no cost to current subscribers. The discount will be two cents on the supply side. It is accomplished by bringing new electrical supply into the solution. The Town needs to say yes, we will take the power and under SMART program, which is various iterations of solar renewable energy credits, deliver it for the next twenty years.

There are no contracts and costs to the town. Income eligible customers will in addition get the 32% low income R2 customer discount on transmission / distribution. It would happen automatically. The board's approval will get us in line for this carve out. This is a 20-year Memo between town and solar developer and the town can extract itself by providing notice. We approve signing a contract ASA admin service agreement. Finally, the earliest our residents would see the pricing is Q3 of 2021 - if we get in line.

I know Doc reached out to Leyden regarding coordinated action opposing 6th grade realignment from elementary to high school. I got a call from town coordinator and she said there is support on their Selectboard for moving 6th grade to the high school. Doc can report on Northfield or Bernardston replies. The two points of pressure on the matter are the legitimacy of the vote via an OML complaint; and the DESE Commissioner's office who under ACTS of 2018 has the authority to abrogate the District Agreement.

Review and vote on Antioch University MOU is on the agenda and probably needs to be carried forward to the next agenda for voted action. We are waiting on our person at Antioch who had a death in his family and so we do not have final copy to adopt.

We have scheduled workshops in furtherance of our Municipal Vulnerability Plan MVP Feb 17 10 am via a Zoom meeting. This will be the first of two virtual public workshops to discuss experiences with climate related threats in Warwick, such as flooding, severe storms, and extreme temperatures. This first meeting is being held in the daytime and the following will be an evening meeting. Participants will help to strengthen our climate resiliency plan, a prerequisite to applying for certain State and Federal funds for climate resiliency projects. We will be building upon input already received from several town stakeholders over the course of the past year. A second workshop is scheduled for Monday, March 8, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Our Police Chief is among many in the state named in a civil suit regarding purported Second Amendment rights violation. He is joined by among others the Police Chief of the City of Boston. Our counsel has been apprised, our insurer advised, legal counsel has been assigned to all the MIIA defendants and no reservation of rights have been asserted. Has to do with processing concealed permits.