

Coordinator Report March 11, 2021

Part II of the Antioch MOU is under construction. It is curriculum design. Brian will be getting chairman's signature on the first MOU and reports that the intern position is on the strength of your voted acceptance of the MOU is advertised.

Karma being what it is, the Finance Committee could not meet this week because of a meeting posting error. They meet Thursday 3/18 next. The SC budget may have a small revenue enhancement that will lower the assessment to towns by \$50k which is about \$4.5k to us. This is subject to the approval of the Overseer and full SC. The School Committee had to "do over" the budget hearing and the vote. We learned that an OML violation basically erases the action at an illegal meeting. So, we had another meeting, and everyone voted against the original budget containing the sixth-grade move. Then we recommended a new budget sans the move to the full SC who meet 3/11.

I have been party to communication about the implementation of the Northfield Road STRAP grant. Todd has asked and we have yet to hear about the chances of doing culvert replacement this summer instead of just ahead of resurfacing.

Doc has organized a meeting Thursday with DESE about our planned school independence. Brian, Sue H and I are working on the Transition and Tuition Agreements.

The 6 Town Regional School Planning Board G-M / PV was awarded a second grant and it will include study of size and looking at an even larger district, asking the question: What is minimum scale of operations of a District? We will this time go deeper with no sacred cows so are asking for exploration of not occupying all of current spaces just because we have it. I assured folks that PV has no problem shutting down a school and stranding our asset.

We do not know how the additional federal funding will roll out, but we are still managing the original CARES Act Grant. The balance of the backordered Chromebooks have arrived. Planned grant uses are to support food security work using the WCS kitchen and the recently granted status as a food distribution site. This would also be a proving test of concept project for a once-a-week catering type service delivery of school lunch meals. Brian needed to provide hours of operation of the food distribution which are as follows: Open site on Friday's 9:45 to 10 am and 3pm to 4 pm

There is a desire to return to the front yard of the TCC and to acquire a carport to install there. I have been shopping for a larger outdoor canopy, a similar but not same project. There are pole tents and frame tents. I have been advised that more medium sized tents (the Art's Council's is 20 x 40) in combination may be more in the wheelhouse of volunteers who may be erecting the temporary structure. There has been a request by Clyde Sr. to install a carport at the TCC church for the food distribution. How does this fit with our approval of the WCS for this purpose? Perhaps the soft top route will keep more options open.

Looking into CARES supported planning support and delivery for youth and child summer cultural and recreation activities held outside / out of doors and possibly within the Antioch project.

The board voted to move forward on elections of our local school committee at the May 17 town election. We did not elect Highway Commissioners before we adopted the enabling local option law at

ATM. I think we are on much firmer ground appointing folks to the forerunner to our local School Committee. And we would not be limited to only residents. We do not have a by-law or our own "District Agreement" to follow. The Ed committee asked that I put this back on Selectboard agenda.

The first 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Selectboard Association will be held on Thursday 25th March at 6:00pm via a Zoom call. Selectboard discussed aspects of this mater at most recent meeting. The 2020 Police Reform legislation, aka An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth is topic. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by responding back to this email: fcsaeboard@thefcsa.org They will send you the Zoom meeting information.

Last year WBS converted a pine tree to a broadband pole near Joe and Nancy's home and our installed 60' mast. That action concerns the homeowner as making vulnerable another tree nearby to blow down. Warwick Broadband has agreed to take down the adjacent tree of concern. There has been a determination that this is not a public shade tree requiring any grant of permission. Warwick can provide a ground crew for traffic control and other assistance. I plan to accomplish this very shortly. I have reached out to a local climber. If this is not for him I'll call Keene Tree or Narcowitz in Royalston.

On our broadband system at our most recent check it with MBI we demonstrated 62% or connections are meeting the 25/3 design. The majority of those not to speed are the older CBRS which we are beginning to upgrade. 173 of 281 are in range and of the 173, there are 77 testing 50/5. 39 links in the 900 band are below spec and some may require a mast installed this summer.

VADAR Collections software conversion has begun.

HCommision Work orders, chromebooks for HC

Mknight

PFAS

Clydes idea about structure

Nmc

Town elections

Streaming meetings via Streamyard, Screencastify in real time view / listen only;