

Coordinator Report April 16, 2020

The Education Committee and consultant continue to perfect the budget and its accompanying narrative. Doc suggested that I provide the most current draft now and provide the further edited version in a day or so as it is finalized. As well we will have a covering letter. We are promising the budget to DESE next week.

The Community Newsletter is holding open space for us so we can report on the election and town meeting plan. We have a page reserved. We have a 4/22 (Wednesday) deadline for ready copy. The board could establish a date for Town Meeting or decide to wait and operate on 1/12 budget. That is doable per the summary of newly enacted legislation provided by Senator Comerford. Northfield recently set 6/29 as the date of annual town meeting. Now they are having second thoughts.

We can hold our election as scheduled with modification. No contests make this easier. Nobody on the line to vote for does not. Jeannette recommends the board vote to establish four hours of polling of the date established by town by-law (third Monday in May) May 18, encourage absentee ballots and institute drive up voting. There are no races. There are some vacancies without candidates and the process would be assisted by development of a slate so vote counters don't waste time and take extra risk counting meaningless write ins. We will recommend you bring your own pencil. Perhaps it is time for Warwick to have an electoral College?

Government employees and elected officials may not act in an official capacity in elections. It is a non-open-meeting meeting; a meeting that is not of government that could accomplish recruitment of candidates and or organizing write in or sticker campaign. My understanding is that Brian Peters is willing to be a write in for Constable. We will see how many we have for Highway Commission. We have a vacancy at Cemetery Commission as James Toth is not running.

Doc will report on the reference check on our Selectboard Secretary applicant. FYI, Rosa was getting \$14.47.

No requests for highway items but I've included a place holder so we may talk about / get update on new hire status. And we heard from FRCOG bids (Andrea) that Leyden worked with Gill Engineering and got a good price on bridgework. Ours involves messing with the wetland and we have a permit to repair the stone abutments if the water ever goes down.

Broadband is getting a workout. Axia the 123-network operator offered 250 Mbps fiber connection to underserved towns wanting to add a high-speed hotspot. Since we already have 50 Mbps around library and town hall I chose to add WCS. We already were working on a radio WBS solution out of the lawn mower garage which has power. Now we are coming out of the utility cabinet inside. The offer is thru August. Access Plus our internet provider is donating the addition internet connectivity. John B and I are enhancing the Brocade meshed Wi-Fi system WBS has at the school. Intent is to cover the parking lot and field with fast wireless. We provisioned some new customers at request of school district. One tough one to go and they have

satellite. PTO and TCC are providing grant assistance to hard up subscribers and will be working with the Town. We are proceeding carefully on nonpayment shut offs. If there is time and interest, and I figure out how, I'd like to share a screen of our monitoring software with you which is really helping me troubleshoot network issues. My best days start with seeing everybody up and nothing in red.

We reported back to the electric aggregation consultant that we are still in and ok with the process. Janice has an idea about doing a survey. We confirmed that there is no early contract termination cost or cost to switch supplier. I submitted the Green Communities Grant and got confirmation of receipt. So far, no questions. They are evaluating on a rolling basis.

Todd sent over info on a DEP grant. We apply for this (Sustainable Materials) and another (Small Scale) through the solid waste district and they are quite diligent.

Gerry has the grounds of the town park picked up, has organized in the sub basement, and is doing repair interior painting. Mr. Burns, locksmith, came and repaired the front door lock.