

Coordinator Report
May 29, 2020

I did not see our highway commission in the mix on Senator Comerford's invitation to meet at some future date with Mass Department of Transportation. they should certainly figure in the decision regarding who attends that meeting. Of course, the question remains whether any travel would be required.

Laurie, our new accountant has forwarded year to date financial statements through the third week of March. I mailed them documents less than a week ago. This income statement is for the general fund only. It therefore does not include accounts that fall under "other funds" which include revolving funds, trust funds, donation funds, grants and special projects and town meeting articles.

I met with the Finance Committee last evening and we went through the budget - and we will meet again next Thursday. I have started work on the 1/12th budget and the forms referenced in the state guidance have not been posted. I have been assured that they will be available June 1st. I'll have the concept before you Monday, but I don't know how our budget will correlate to the form: if you decide to approve the plan I won't deviate from what is approved.

Mrs. Whipple on behalf of the Warwick Council on Aging has informed us that they are pursuing a grant to replace the floor covering in the Town Hall kitchen. In addition, CoA have scheduled an outdoor town volunteer appreciation event in June. I assured Mrs. Whipple that while the building is closed to the public, if the Board of Health was without objection; then an outdoor event that's compliant with health guidance would be okay by the Selectboard.

I'm signing paperwork for National Grid which will allow us to put in motion our application for utility incentives on the Green Communities competitive grant funded project. There's no commitment to actually make the expenditure but this is necessary to do now in case we are awarded. Letters have or will have gone out to DOER regarding our plans for WCS by our board and by the Building and Energy Committee.

I asked our consultant Sue Collins to develop a short precise on our use of WCS as a site supporting our children and parents with homeschooling and virtual schooling. We should be urging all affected parents to enroll in the Commonwealth Virtual School as a way of keeping their options open. We may need to seek a waiver for our numbers. Of most value would be an agreement with our Pioneer School Committee.

Pioneer School District released a lot of prior executive session minutes and sent me a copy as I had instigated an open meeting complaint. These are available from the district and I'd be happy to forward to anybody interested.

One key to making wireless broadband successful is elevating the customers equipment thus reducing the distance the radio path is going through trees. I'm coming to decision on a piece of lift gear that we will rent as we did last year. I plan to start with the high masts and the few customer locations requiring a lot of height. This device will need to be trailered. Then we'll

return that unit and get something in the 30-ft lift range that will be appropriate for use in people's yards.

Our new accountant has provided financial statements through the third week of March which I've distributed. The finance committee recommends retaining LaveryAP and hiring Melanson Heath under option A at a cost of \$41,000 for next year.

We're about 3 weeks away from completing our wireless monitoring system we call Scryer. Meeting the MBI speed target of 25/3 Mbps is our challenge. Jason devised a way to test links without disabling the sector at the same time. For our 900 MHz system we will be able to collect throughput data to demonstrate an document throughput data.

I am planning to take a vacation the second week of June, this is the week beginning with the 15th. I have planned this for some time so that I would not, as I was last year, be gone too close to the fiscal year end.

We have the draft minutes of May 11 and May 26 for your approval.

I spoke with Larry about his new hire and the new employee is on track to join us as soon as his notice with current employer is obtained.