

Coordinator Report July 26, 2018

Chairman wants to have a Selectboard discussion with me as Town Coordinator regarding my declared conflict of interest as serving as Coordinator and as elected School Committee member. It makes sense to discuss this under the perennial agenda item: Ethics exemptions, though it is handled by public disclosure and continued awareness. To date, the Warwick Selectboard has not voted a policy position contrary to my actions as a SC member and “issues” have resulted from my speaking / thinking “outside of the box”.

Appointments: according to documents provided, I am reminded that I as Town Coordinator have been Warwick’s Selectboard’s representative to the FC Planning Board which is our Regional Planning Agency. The few meetings I have attended over the years because they were topically interesting or beneficial did not inform me of this fact of my “membership”. The board should appoint a FRCOG Planning Board Representative. The other Warwick slot belongs to the Planning Board as is capably represented by Ted Cady.

I’ve asked Larry to attend the meeting to discuss the progress on the Chapter 90 pavement project and answer questions raised by Selectboard members regarding the nice repair of pavement recently accomplished which will be ground off and carted away in a few weeks. I let Larry know the board would like to know his thinking.

Warwick was awarded a competitive Green Communities Grant. Janice Kurkoski, chair of Buildings and Energy Committee, will attend to discuss the award and its terms. I will have the contract documents before you for vote and signature. The work is at both Pioneer and WCS and we are proceeding with a PEX (utility approved project expeditor). As soon as we get a contract back and signed we can formally contract with the PEX. The combined operating savings from the Northfield and Warwick grants will total \$80,000 savings to the Pioneer School District.

To be acknowledged is that in accepting the GC grant we agree not to close an affected building for five years. Changing use would not hurt us. That suggests we should go forward with the grant with the knowledge of the possible exposure and, for the outside chance, have a viable reuse plan for WCS just in case. In that eventuality I suggest senior housing. Do we want to begin to study school reuse? Reuse of closed schools may be the next real estate reuse. It follows the region’s glut of vacant factory space.

I provided the voted Meeting Participations Guidelines/Civility Policy and the most current proposed draft, “Warwick Stds of Conduct” to Rosa. The earlier ones were adopted by a Selectboard in 2015 based largely on Tom Wyatt’s work. This latest draft came from Dawn Magi 30April. I don’t believe this Stds document was acted on.

Of Warwick’s “Official Social Media Presence and Management Thereof” I recall a recent discussion with Selectboard confirming my lack of a need as Town Coordinator to

monitor social media including W-List and Facebook. My reason is it is a time-sink. It is an unwanted communication channel that lacks the ability to maintain the record as a public document, as with email. Fire and PD have Facebook presences. I'll invite their respective chiefs.

The executive session in the draft relates to my conflict of interest and the reason cited is not legally sufficient. No matter. This will be a discussion between the two Selectboard members who can't talk to one another about town business except in a meeting and me, the employee as it relates to my being Town Coordinator. I waive notice if any is required. And as it is not a complaint I don't think any notice needed except placement on the agenda.

List of contracts for approval and execution

Solid Waste District MOU to serve as "third party" inspector at Transfer Station \$150

Solid Waste District MOU for Household Hazardous Waste Day \$900

Green Communities Grant \$ 225,807