

Coordinator Report August 13. 2020

Household hazardous waste collection day is coming up. Our HHW budget is anything up to \$1600 and is comprised of equal parts DEP grant and TM appropriation. The event is being held 9/26. Orange is nearest collection site and preregistration is required. When it looks like the money is used up, they close reservations.

I set up a propane tank account with Suburban, the incumbent provider with tanks in place. They will move kitchen tank to the nearby tank farm. A permit from FD is involved for fuel storage. Chief notes that the tanks not properly situated on masonry. This calls for a new storage permit. I will have this in motion

Greenwood alarm called back and will dispatch a tech to connect phone line to monitoring. I will have to add another, a second line. With Verizon most likely but I will investigate using a digital line. Greenwood is the same firm we use at town hall.

The aftermath of the hurricane / Tropical storm took out power to 64 internet hosts served via the fire tower. Three days in there were still places without power including fire tower and then H frame. Warwick broadband service rented a generator from West Country. They delivered to top of MG. that same weekend state police generator quit, and they had to put in a temporary unit. I offered them ours which they appreciated and did not need.

School reopening at PV became three weeks virtual then phase in. I voted no. I judged the risk too high. Leyden appointed their town coordinator to the School Committee which requires special approval from all four Town's Selectboard's though Giarusso says Ethics says only Leyden. Ethics did not realize this is a regional school.

The matter of authorizing a transition plan with Warwick to leave the District and including a tuition agreement is on tonight's SC agenda.

Regarding the power outages; town wide. 400+ customers were affected. White and Bass Rds. for days. This weather has been characterized as the second worst storm ever from a customer without power standpoint. Lots of state governments are investigating the response. I think it was commendable.

I met with town electrician BP about storage for fire tower site and cell tower. Got the Winchester Rd pole back by moving backhaul to the Grace network. Got bh going at wheeler pond / pine. Confirmed white rd. is without power. Confirmed w/ MSP that Fire tower is not powered. Spoke with Jason about getting Scryer rebooted.

On broadband much of the past days has been spent trying to restore Internet to the pole at the corner of old Winchester and Robbins Rd. we are establishing a link from my place which already serves three in my neighborhood. The forest cover turned out to be too much, so we are trying from the hedgerow at my property line. we got a good link and do not have to go to plan C.

I heard from town counsel that the hold harmless a Massachusetts golf course was using would be appropriate for our use. Adam and I continue working on the memo with the parents Association

We had an inquiry from Orange highway Orange's legal counsel regarding a County Road and exactly how did Warwick deal with this potential liability. Ted Cady was extremely helpful recalling details, history, and Rd names.

Perhaps the biggest deal of this week was confirmation from C2 that we are going to be able to assume the 25% discounted net meter contract held by the district and tied to Warwick Community School. Also got word that AT&T will be flying a balloon on Grace of Tuesday to map cell coverage from the proposed new tower build.

broadband took my eye off the ball and I missed the meeting between the Building Inspector and Fire Chief. The result though is what I guess I always knew and that is in a commercial building it takes an architecture engineers stamped drawing to make a change. The architect for school, Mr. Greenwood has been extremely helpful over the years with PE letters and I will engage his services for this reconfiguration. Once we find out what is appropriate, I will double back to the board for guidance on how and whether to proceed. No gate for now.

At week's end we are still waiting for an appointment with Greenwood alarm so that we can get service established on the WC S alarm system. Their employee there has been out sick with pneumonia and has returned I await his call. I was going to wait to provision an additional plain old telephone line but as the clock is ticking, I shall proceed with that second line.

You may note that BB billing / bookkeeping went up from \$200 / month to \$300. Jim asked for a raise for doing the bookkeeping and billing. Since he isn't a board member any longer and the price is very fair for a department with \$125k budget I approved it. This went before the TM before because of his being a Selectman. It did not seem like a big deal to make this change. I hope I did not misjudge. He is and was working too cheap.

I've been taking some time to step back and practice transparency on broadband with Facebook posts and generally more communication about what is going on where .I can also report that our work on poor and marginal Internet connections is resulting in less and less latency on the system and a better customer experience.