

Coordinator report September 12, 2018

It will have been three weeks since our last meeting due to constraints of quorum and two-person board. Good news is that we have two candidates to fill the open seat. The Treasurer reports that it would work better for us to meet every two weeks hence and not return to the old schedule as the timing would work better for payroll warrants. I propose we follow that recommendation and meet every two weeks from next Monday. On the broadband project, this week we're working on the road as part of our commitment to the state, we have climbers, replacing wire and DCR working on areas near the towers. I request the board allow the appointment of 2 additional trainer / installers, Eric Engman and Mark Fellows, paid at \$16 an hour to start once they have passed online OSHA10 Training.

The way I read the District Agreement on the matter of an Advisory committee is that it's an artifact from 1990s when we converted to full regional. In these trying and uncertain times, I suppose it couldn't be a bad thing. I sent an email seeking to clarify what we School Committee members were told with respect to Pioneer Regional changing its budget and the possibility of the towns repudiating it. That is not my understanding and I have not gotten a response from DOR or DESE. SC votes a budget and the towns vote their assessment and not use of funds. Pioneer's new business manager says we have a balanced budget and won't need deficit spending authority for the budget she will present Thursday 9/13.

On landline Verizon phones, though I was not contacted directly on the matter I intervened on two resident's behalf who had shared on the email list that they were having problems with their landline. I believe in both cases Ellen Cummings was able to expedite and improve upon the response time.

Our insurer MIIA has offered the membership cyber insurance at no additional premium. I filled out the paperwork and submitted for coverage. I found it interesting that one of the questions was, do you store more than 100,000 pages of documents. That is twenty cases of paper one sided and that is not very many.

You're being asked to approve a \$5k memorandum of agreement between FRCOG and the town and this would represent a small percentage being dedicated to outside administrative costs in case the Kurkoski's don't want to carry us over the finish line for reporting on green communities. I recommend you execute this and we will use it as needed. Some draft Green Communities reporting is included in your package and has to do with our vehicle fuel use. I supply the data as an interesting as part of capital planning, and also as being interesting with respect to showing what kind of use we give our equipment. I would say that we're prolonging the life of our heavy trucks by using one ton trucks in the many appropriate instances.

Larry Carey contacted me regarding a desire that something be done about a producing a new instance of the town flag and with concerns about the condition of the signs for which I'm not sure if he means the sign over the Town Hall door or the directional sign post. Both need work. We could fund this from Town Hall, Fountain and grounds as Larry suggest from Celebrations funds that were not expended at Old Home Day on the bounce house.

I'm working on remote lock release functionality at WCS school as a safety issue and to mitigate against the fact that they no longer have a secretary to answer the doorbell. Nancy Hickler's last day at the Library and was this past Saturday. It was celebrated by her regular patrons and I'm personally sorry that I was not able to attend.

There is an event to celebrate the acquisition of additional town forest where we will be joined by Stan Rosenberg. This is Saturday afternoon September 29th.

I finally got the new to us tanker fire truck registered. It was a little dicey since we don't own it and the authorizing paperwork looks like it had been photocopies forty times The truck's owned by the federal government and "goes back" when we are done with it.

I was contacted by a resident interested in acquiring a used computer. I looked around, there 8 or 10 of them that I'd like to town to declare "surplus to our needs" along with a box of IDE loud blank HDD to replace the data laden ones we will destroy.

A Municipal Electrical Aggregation vote is called for. This would make the default or standard electrical supply be what we choose instead of what National Grid chooses. This has worked out well in some other neighboring towns including Orange by saving residents money.