

Coordinator Report
September 26, 2019

Planning Board has proposed a Scenic Road Policy amendment. It is on your agenda for a first reading

The (School) Regional planning committee first meeting is Oct. 29. Alan Genovese and Dawn Magi have been appointed. I may fill take the SC seat by default. This is of the six towns that comprise G-M and Pioneer Valley.

Horace Mann II Charter application is ongoing. The Selectboard held a first reading already of HM II Statements of Assurance. A vote on Statements of Assurance is needed for the application. Our public hearing is scheduled Oct 7 at WCS at 7 pm. The building use was approved. I am getting a better understanding of the status of voted Pioneer District policies. I did not submit what I decided was too broad and invited an meaningless dump. We are proposing legislation to ameliorate burden of retiree costs on a shrinking district. Something to work on in our spare time.

Mr. Dexter feels further clarification needed on Vacation policy within the Personnel Policy. The personnel policy is provided.

Accountant contacted regarding overdrawn FD account and their willingness to delay closing our FY19 books. I said no thanks close the books. We are supposed to certify free cash now. We need to get our audit done. Auditor wants to do FY19. Got push back from accountant on reallocation of Snow and Ice. They are going with our vote of April 16 which conditions reallocations such that we will have \$17k remaining in snow and ice debt that will be levied as additional tax.

We need a response to Overseer on closing WCS. He doesn't take into account the reason the commissioner has this authority. He has this authority at the moment because the PVRSD was incompetent. Constant turnover of members. No training. Lost policies so no governance guidelines in place. New administrators with limited years prior experience. No study about history or economic impact or anything to make these important decisions academically substantial. If the school committee takes a vote is it anything more than a few superficial calculations plus whim and fancy? Close our school to save \$50,000? Do that right after SC make central office salary decisions that raise costs \$50,000? The primary reason for the school district is educating the students.

We need a study and it needs to be comprehensive. An assessment must look at the exodus of students of our and area districts and see the relationship to in-district political instability which these continuing discussions cause. There is very little innovative thinking in this, a section of the state that's targeted for innovation and economic development. Also, it surely is true the commissioner has this authority at this time, but the legislation also makes clear this is a temporary decision and while a temporary decision is in place the suggestion that this immediately takes away the 75 years of commitment to each rural town's local elementary school is ridiculous.

There is a lot about our school in the October newsletter. I will mail voters directly with notice about the 7 Oct hearing as if it were a TM.