



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, September 11, 2017

DATE: September 8, 2017

Aggregate Energy Update

The Department of Public Utilities conducted a hearing on July 13th. The Town was represented by Colonial Power. The Town is waiting for the DPU to issue an order to proceed. Upon receipt of that order the Town will commence the bidding process. This order is expected in September. One bidding is completed the Town will execute a contract with the awarded supplier. This will be followed by a 30-day outreach period and opt-out period. The new Power rates are expected to be available in December or January.

Billerica Fuel System Progress Report

Setting of above ground tanks and Canopy installation is completed. The binder coat of payment is complete. The pumps were being installed today. The project is on budget.

Mass Works Project

The road will not be paved before Yankee Doodle. However paving, reseeding and looming will be done in September and October. Phase Two includes connecting the underground utilities and removing the poles. This work is expected to be finished in this construction season.

Syncarpha Solar

The new property owners have submitted several proposals in an effort to resolve the permit concerns of the Town. These are currently under review. The Town will decide whether take further legal action after this review.

DPW Feasibility Assessment

This office met with the DPW director and Weston and Sampson for a progress update. The wetlands have been flagged and some preliminary assessments were presented to the Town. The Conservation Director was also present to provide comment and feedback. This meeting was very productive and Weston and Sampson will take this information and revise the concepts and report back to the Town.

ZBA Office Moved

As part of the BOS goals, the ZBA has been moved down to the building department. This commences the first phase of establishing a permitting department. The planning department will be moved at the end of the month temporarily to the space previously occupied by the ZBA.

Good Samaritan Xavier Aquino

Officer Paul Brady brought a good Samaritan deed to my attention and thought it should be passed on to you. An elderly woman had car trouble on Boston Road back in July. She did not have the money or the means to have her car towed to be fixed. Xavier Aquino is the manager of the Jiffy lube on Boston road and Officer Brady reached out to him for assistance. Xavier, knowing she could not afford to have the car towed to his shop, waited until after his own shift and went to help her on his own time. Diagnosed the problem, went out to an auto shop and picked up a belt and installed it for her and got her car running so she could get home. He would not accept payment for his time and efforts. Officer Brady wanted to pass along this example of good citizenship.