



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** John C. Curran, Town Manager

**CC:** Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

**SUBJECT:** Town Manager's Report, December 4th, 2017

**DATE:** November 17, 2017

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### **MassWorks Project:**

The paving is complete. Striping is 80% complete. Dagle Electric still needs to complete some electrical work and the NGrid connections. Mass DOT is doing an inspection of the signals. Most of the other underground utility work is complete. Once this work is done the poles can be removed. The town will be pushing for their removal in as soon as possible – January is the desired time period.

### **Free Air Update - Article XVII of the General By-Laws**

Pace Energy at 192 Boston Road and Fill N Chill at 653 Boston Road both claim to have come into compliance with the general by-law. The Building Commissioner will be out to inspect today and report to the BOS. If they have, in fact, come into compliance the hearings can be dismissed.

### **Fire Chiefs Assessment Center**

In the end there were 10 candidates for Fire Chief – 5 internal and 5 external. The assessment center was conducted by MMA Consulting Group, Inc. It was held November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall in accordance with all Civil Service requirements as specified by Massachusetts HRD. MMA Consulting has concluded their assessment and has forwarded their results to Mass HRD (Civil Service). This office will not know the results until civil service reviews the information and accounts for veteran's status and 25 years of experience.

### **Aggregate Energy**

The press release was issued on November 22<sup>nd</sup> as well as a letter from the Town was sent to all electricity customers informing them of the new rate secured by the Town effective January 1, 2018. This office was inundated with phone calls with questions which is not unusual based on other reports from other towns that have implemented this program. I have attached a flow chart detailing the process, transparency and public outreach over the last year and a half.

### **Howe School Roof and Library Roof**

A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>. The work is scheduled to commence in the spring. It will include removing slate and relaying it and repairing damaged slate. The rubber roof on the library will also be replaced. The bid came in at \$426,000 for both jobs. The bid was awarded to John F. Shea Company. A tarp will be placed over the small opening on the spine of the roof in the interim