

Town Administrator's Report

March 25, 2014

Since the Administrator's Report, we have worked, and are working, in and/or on the following areas and issues:

- Researched, developed and dispatched response to SeaGrant proposed study of shoreline erosion. Following the receipt of a more expansive discussion of the areas, intent and personnel related to the proposed study, research, assessment and discussions were held from which a response was prepared which withheld Town support. The response was communicated with the primary researcher, SeaGrant director and House and Senate representatives. The result was the proposal was withdrawn.
- Meetings with former and interim Police Chiefs to establish a smooth transition and effective interim direction and relationship. The results have been an effective, collaborative and cooperative relationship which has promoted a supportive and responsive working relationship.
- Personnel Issues – worked with Clerk and Town Foreman to broaden the reach for solicitation of applications for the position of Town Mechanic. The results of those efforts are the recommendation for hire that the Board will take up this evening.
- Meeting with Town Foreman regarding the potential problems that may arise with rapid thawing this Spring and the necessity of forward-looking preparations. Subsequent communication with White Construction to secure arrangement by which any ditch, culvert and/or flooding problems, directly related to the installation of fiber optic lines, will, prior to the arrival of White, be addressed, repaired and restored by the Town and billed to White and their insurance carrier. This effort gives the Town the ability to ensure the integrity of our roads and the recourse to be fully compensated for that work.
- Continued to add to and support Transient Pier application – communicated with, drafted support letters for, and dispatched letters to Senator Baldwin and Cong. Duffy – communicated with JJR related to expected arrival of

those letters ---- decision on the Pier grant is anticipated in the next month or so.

- Working closely with Rep Bewley's office regarding the Assembly passage of SB299 (the Senate bill) relating to property tax exemption for duplicative expenditures. The Bill was passed by the Assembly at about midnight March 20 – the last day of the session – which concluded the legislative effort and can now be used by the Town.
- In conjunction with the Harbor Committee Chair, developed the advocacy documents and supporting information regarding the expansion of dredging limits in the harbor using the Design Deficiency Correction program – the program allows continually support and financing of expanded harbor dredging by the Corps of Engineers.
- Continuing work with Clerk to ensure comprehensive and effective administration of upcoming elections (as Deputy Town Clerk)
- Community Outreach and Communication – regular communication and discussion with members of the community regarding current, approaching and potential issues, concerns and ideas.