

## **Town Manager's Report to the Select Board August 30, 2021**

### **Dean Memorial Airport Safety Study:**

The airport safety study is going well, the third public meeting was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clifford Memorial Building. Dubois & King provided an updated presentation of all five possible alternatives for relieving safety obstructions at the Dean Memorial Airport. Dubois & King has drafted the semi-final project report. We will be meeting with the BOA and D&K tomorrow. The FAA will determine which alternatives they are willing to fund. The final report will be produced with probably two alternatives that could be funded. A public hearing will be scheduled before the Select Board. The Select Board will hold the hearing, take public comment, and decide on which option they prefer. After which, the process of producing a construction project will ensue.

### **Grafton County Broadband Committee:**

The Grafton County Broadband Committee has selected EX<sup>2</sup> to design and implement the “middle-mile” Grafton County broadband build-out project. The committee is hosting three informational sessions in coordination with Drummond and Woodsum Law offices on Sept 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>. One of these sessions is being held locally at the Clifford Memorial Building on Tuesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm; all are welcome.

### **Public WiFi in Woodsville Project:**

The Haverhill Public Mesh Wi-Fi Network is being installed along central street in the village of Woodsville. The network will provide access to the internet and Wi-Fi calling free of charge to residents, businesses, and visitors. It will also provide an opportunity for local business to advertise on the splash page and promote their businesses to those logging onto the network. We currently have three (3) hosts; Vickie Wyman of The Atlantic Real Estate Network; Robert Welsh of Welsh Reality Apartments; and Mike & Brie Choate of Mike's Garage in Woodsville Village. The network will be activated and in beta this week for testing before it is rolled out publicly.

### **Woodsville Lawsuit:**

The Woodsville Fire District filed a lawsuit against the Town of Haverhill in Grafton Superior Court in 2019, related to Town funding of the Woodsville Highway Department. The Woodsville Fire District filed for Declaratory Judgement in early June; the Town responded on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town requested that with the passing of SB26 that both parties agree to drop the case, the Woodsville District Commissioners declined. All filings are public record; the hearing is still scheduled for September 2021.

### **American Rescue Plan Act – State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:**

Town Administration staff are working on carefully assessing each District's project to determine eligibility for ARPA-SLFRF funding. We will be sending letters to the Districts soon to provide them with the status of the assessment and if needed to ask for more information.

### **North Haverhill Cross Walks:**

The Town is working with the NH DOT to see about installing five new crosswalks along Route 10 in North Haverhill Village. The sidewalks will need to be ADA accessible, pedestrian signs and cross walk markings would need to be installed, and possibly street lighting. The locations have tentatively been identified, one near the entrance to River Meadow Campground where the sidewalk ends, one near Aldrich's Store, one near the Town Administration Office, one near the Fire Station, and one near the Post Office. The installation of one cross walk (depending upon elements needed at the location) range from \$5,000 - \$15,000 each.

### **White Mountain Drive:**

The Town entered into an agreement with the Mountain Lakes District to widen and make other improvements to and along White Mountain Drive (Killer Hill). The purpose being to allow for year-round, two-way traffic on that hill. This will provide for better traffic flow around the lake and will allow for development along the roadway, which had been requested by a property owner who wanted to build. The Road Agent and Town Manager visited the site and subsequently developed a Scope of Work, which was presented to the Mtn Lakes Commissioners, who met and approved the scope of work. This project is on hold pending availability of funding.

### **Department Head Reports:**

- ❖ **Tax Collector** – No news to report
- ❖ **Town Clerk** – No news to report
- ❖ **Dean Memorial Airport** – The Airport Awareness Day will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Highway Dept** – The highway crew is performing regular summer maintenance as funding will allow.
- ❖ **Maintenance Dept** – The maintenance department is reassessing projects based upon remaining funding available for 2021.
- ❖ **Welfare Dept** – There has been a drastic increase in applications for shelter housing, working with area resources to mitigate the cost to the Town, while making sure those who need assistance are getting assistance.
- ❖ **Emergency Management** – Sitting in on Emergency Operations Center (EOC) calls and keeping apprised of COVID-19 and weather-related events.
- ❖ **Public Health** – Still working on the vacated house in Woodsville, while addressing other concerns around Haverhill.
- ❖ **Parks & Recreation Dept** – Cornhole tournament will take place on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Railroad Park for more information contact Mona Sanville.
- ❖ **Town Fire Department** – Annual Fire Service raffle and dinner was well attended last weekend. Renzo Chumbes was voted “Fire Fighter of the Year” by his peers.

❖ **Police Department –**

1. Firearms training scheduled (Qualification and familiarization with new gear).
2. DWI and Speed detail conducted
3. Cottage Hospital SOP corrected, and meeting set with Cottage Hospital administration
4. CRASE course completed, Second class date TBD
5. Ground fighting mat ordered
6. Seamstress completed some of the duty shirt patchwork, still working on range shirt
7. Minor remodel of the PD main entrance / waiting room underway
8. Assistant Administrator DeFosse completed evidence management training
9. Continued transfer of hard copy reports to digital format
10. Hired two (2) certified police officers as “Detectives in Training”