

# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT DECEMBER 15, 2021

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- The interior painting project is nearing the end. The contractor has been very flexible and the job has been well done. The old section is the only remaining section to be completed.
- Dog licenses are due December 31. Register online or at the Town Office.
- Nomination papers are available and due back by January 6.

# **AIRPORT**

- We have started working on the plan for next season's project (crack seal and striping). In the process, the FAA has deemed Runway 3/21 ineligible for funding. To this extent, we are seeking the support of the State and, possibly, congressional representatives to reinstate the funding as a matter of public safety.
- The terminal facility review has been completed by the engineering firm; we are waiting for a written report.

#### **ASSESSING**

 Assessing Agent Donna Hays has rescheduled her second day this month to Monday, December 27.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING**

• The Planning Board met last Thursday and has proposed the development of a commercial solar facilities moratorium in order for the Town to review its current ordinances and determine if any additional regulations are needed.

# FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Unpaid sewer charges and real estate taxes, as of December 31, will be in the Town Report. If you question whether or not you have a balance due, please contact the Town Office.
- Sewer liens on unpaid October/November/December 2020 charges will be filed before the end of the month (tentatively, 17).
- Real Estate notices of automatic foreclosure will go out before the end of the month, with a foreclosure date of January 31, 2022 (tentatively, 28).

### **LIBRARY**

• The Trustees have finalized their purchases to be made under the library-specific American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. These purchases include media equipment

- for recording programs, Lego sets, puzzles, magazine subscriptions, and other items which expand service and program offerings.
- Resident and local author Barbara Winslow recorded story times that will be planned for release online in the near future.
- We have received the current librarian's resignation, effective December 31. The position will be posted before the end of the week.

## **PARKS**

• Despite the weather, the holiday stroll was a success. The Town garnered some great press coverage from the Morning Sentinel and overall public feedback has been positive.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

• Fire officers have worked diligently to revise and resubmit the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the SCBA equipment purchase. The price has increased since the first application, given a pivot in strategy, as well as inflated costs. The total grant request is for \$196,632. This is another opportunity where the department has taken advantage of its newly contracted grant consultant.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

This last week was expensive, in terms, of storm management. The icy weather was not
conducive to the holiday stroll, but the crews worked endlessly to ensure treated roads
and sidewalks.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13 3:30 Library Trustee Mtg	14	15 6PM SelectBoard	16	17	18
19	20 5PM Recreation Committee Mtg	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED	1