



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JUNE 7, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- The school budget validation referendum will be held next Tuesday, June 13, at Mill Stream Gym from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. As a result of election staffing, the Town Office will be closed.
- The high school's community service day went very well. They went to a number of private residences to assist with projects and they also completed a number of projects for the Town, including painting, weeding, raking, etc. There were over 100 people that were fed at the ballfields; thanks to Waste Management for covering the cost of the lunch.
- The barbeque to benefit Public Works employee Jeffrey Daniels is scheduled for June 17, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Grange. Donations of pasta salads will be welcome; please contact the office, if you'd like to contribute.
- We have begun the transition of IT services. All devices have been converted over, but we are still waiting for cloud backup work to be completed, as well as converting email, etc.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The State will be hosting an informational meeting at Mill Stream Gym on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:00 pm to provide an update on the rail trail project. All are welcome.
- We have been asked to consider whether or not we'd be willing to grade the rail trail once additional bush hogging and ditching is done. We will consider it as it gets closer, but will include the funding in the Municipal ATV Grant application, as it would be possible to contract that out, as well.
- We have received confirmation from Charter/Spectrum that the build-out of the Beech Hill Project should be done within the next week, at which point in time they'll be contacting residents to offer service.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 5:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxpayers who have not yet paid their 2022 taxes will be mailed a 30-day notice to lien on June 29; this will add extra fees to tax accounts.

- Sewer liens are scheduled to be filed on June 15 for unpaid April/May/June 2022 charges.
- In a ruling last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the process of disposing of tax foreclosure properties without that taxpayer having an opportunity to recover the excess value in a violation of the Takings Clause (*Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota*). No foreclosed properties will be released until legal clarification is provided and a new process for disposal of property can be approved at town meeting.

LIBRARIES

- The library joins Ann Dorney for a bird walk on Saturday, June 17. For more information, contact the library.
- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 3:00 PM**

PARKS

- The Committee was able to work with Franklin Savings to sponsor an Oosoola Park Concert Series in August. Each Wednesday in August at 6:00 pm, there will be music in the park. More information is to come, as advertising is developed and performers finalized.
- Letters seeking support for Oosoola Days have been mailed to local businesses. Please reach out to the Town Office or a member of the Parks Committee if you are interested in sponsorship. There are many different opportunities at different funding levels; there are also many ways for organizations to get involved. This is the 50th year, and so we're hoping to make it the biggest yet.
- **Boat Parade: July 1, 2023 at 12:00 noon**

PUBLIC WORKS

- We're working with Pike to resolve the longitudinal cracking on Walker Road. It seems likely that it has to do with a change in base mix that was used when the road was paved. They are looking into it and I will meet with them in the next week or so to discuss options for resolution.

SEWER

- The mapping project of sewer lines was delayed due to the weather. It is expected that this will begin next week.
- Roof structures were installed at pump stations over the VFD panels, which was intended to help them from overheating. Last week, the panels still threw alarms due to heat. We're working with the engineers to continue to explore additional options.
- The Commissioners met yesterday to discuss outside water meters. The Water District no longer has meters available for purchase, which precipitated the discussion. After careful consideration, the Commission unanimously voted to discontinue the outside meter credit program, effective January 1, 2024.