



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT DECEMBER 20, 2023**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- We received a check for \$5,000 from the insurance company for the boat launch dock that was lost in the spring. This was subject to a single deductible of \$1,000. The remaining will be filed as a loss with FEMA and should be reimbursed at a rate of 95%.
- You can now request absentee ballots for both Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary, although ballots won't be available until early February.
- Nomination papers are now available and are due back by January 3.
- The Town Office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 25 and 26 for Christmas. We will also be closed January 1 for New Year's.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING**

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 6:00 PM**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- I am working on developing a survey for the TIF Committee to put out online that will help guide potential programs and initiatives as they move forward.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 5:00 PM**

### **FINANCE & COLLECTIONS**

- Two sewer accounts auto foreclosed. We should be able to begin the release process after Town Meeting when a new method of property disposal is approved.
- The automatic foreclosure process on unpaid 2021 real estate taxes is nearing. 30/45-day notices will be sent later this month with a foreclosure date of February 4.
- Liens on unpaid sewer use charges for Oct/Nov/Dec 2022 will be filed tomorrow.
- **Budget Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 PM**

### **PARKS**

- The Holiday Stroll was an overall success. There were some major wins and a handful of concerns; the committee is going to get together in the next couple weeks to have a wrap-up discussion and to begin planning for the music series.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- For the second meeting in a row, I need to take time to thank the many people who have helped us manage through the recent storm. The Monday-Tuesday rain and wind storm caused a lot of damage, but we're on the back side of it. I'd like to thank every resident and person passing through that was patient, cooperative, and understanding, despite conditions being stressful. There is still a lot of work that needs to be taken care of, but we made great strides at the local level to get things done.
- We're continuing with the shelter on an hour-by-hour basis. The American Red Cross has approved my request to set up a shelter here at the school and they will be assuming a shared leadership role as of 7:00 this evening. This will provide expanded access to funding, supplies, staffing, etc.