

03/12/2008 Report

Town Manager Report March 12, 2008

- 1) Spent a fair amount of time preparing, presenting and revising 2008-09 budget information. I am pleased that we can offer a decrease in the mil rate of 1.4 mils or about \$615,000. All participants should now have replacement sheets for their budget books reflecting the changes made by the Budget Comm. And Board of Selectmen.
- 2) I spent a lot of time writing and re-writing draft warrant articles for this evening.
- 3) I attended an important meeting of several organizations that are working on advertising their locations as a Heritage Tour. I offered and lent administration support to the group and will be pursuing a \$3,000 grant to help with their costs. I also attended another economic development meeting with John Cleveland and two investors who were interested in our Downtown TIF area and opportunities in Poland for a lot they are considering.
- 4) I have been resolving some billing issues with Stantec, the engineering company that reviews approved Planning Board projects.
- 5) Ron Smith and I ran some draft financial numbers to double check the budget and to see how it might affect Fund Balance.
- 6) We have had a Safety Meeting, and done some building inspections which has led to Scott and Brian working on a prioritized list of things that need attention in the various buildings.
- 7) I have been working a little with the School Superintendent staff assisting them some with projecting EPS, warrant article, etc.
- 8) I have put together a letter that is going out to all delinquent personal property tax payers. It is my intention to try and collect these funds with diligence.
- 9) The drainage easement issue with Mr. Morrison of Plains Road is now resolved.
- 10) I attended and worked on some materials for the new Poland Conservation Commission.
- 11) The snow events continue to be relentless and we are constantly responding to complaints about bad roads, intersections, water in basements, etc. The guys in PWD are doing a great job; folks do need to understand this is an unusually difficult year and to please have patience.
- 12) I have begun work with the Library Trustees and our attorney on their trust fund issues. I predict good things will be occurring soon.