**Town Manager Update**

*March 14, 2022*

Most of my work over the past week has been on the items on tonight’s agenda. [Town Meeting, Transfer Station, Bardin land, Town Hall renovation]

I will be meeting with the Highway Association on including summer hours in their contract. The Highway Superintendent does not expect the issue to be problematic.

We have finally started our moves in preparation for the Town Hall renovation project, which seems more and more simply like an asbestos abatement project. The Assessors and Collectors Offices have moved across the street to the old Berkshire Bank building, so if anyone has any business with them, they’re open and ready, just across the street. In less welcome news, apparently we could also do some asbestos work on the second floor. Since it’s not an immediate problem, and we’re not prepared for second-floor work, I have directed that the current project proceed as planned. Still, we may have further work to do over the next few years.

I have put extra work into the Division Road Request for Proposals, which is almost ready, and have also asked Mayor Tyer’s office for a statement in support of the project.

The Walker Brook hydrology project is progressing, and we will be filing a quarterly report as required later this month. The work is scheduled to be completed August 30, at which time we can make a decision and seek funding for construction.

Proposals for working with our Assessors for FY23 are due Thursday; we have received one bid so far, from a well-known firm.

I have been working with the Emergency Management Director on various updates to the Town’s emergency preparedness, including a continuity of operations plan.

You have not received a DDIC budget because it is zeroed out based on the intent to dissolve it. I plan to pay the Chamber of Commerce and Berkshire Visitors Bureau dues out of my own budget for FY23.