**Town Manager Update**

*May 9, 2022*

I’d like to thank everyone who turned out for last Monday’s Town Meeting, a long but very productive evening. I’d like to thank the Town for approving the proposed budget and capital projects. I have sent the petition for leaving Civil Service to our Legislative delegation, and Town Counsel has provided further advice on incorporating the approved amendment into the ADU by-law.

Last week, Governor Baker filed [House bill 4720, An Act investing in Future Opportunities for Resiliency, Workforce, and Revitalized Downtowns (FORWARD).](https://mass.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9e2209abd5f7062568d9a19&id=0e81c2df32&e=147bf893ac) The legislation includes $2.3 billion in funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and over $1.256 billion in capital bond authorizations to strengthen state infrastructure, create jobs, and invest in municipalities across the Commonwealth. Of course, the proposal has to make it through the House and Senate, but under the Governor’s plan, based on population, Dalton’s share would be $250,000; I’ve asked the Town Planner to propose options for investment, which are geared to Planning.

We received a summons to appear at Small Claim Court regarding a complaint from someone who hit a pothole on Route 9 and blew out a tire. Of course, it is a state road, so I am prepared to represent the Town in this proceeding.

I plan to contact Mass. Department of Ag. Resources regarding putting the Bardin land up for auction. Perhaps their position has changed since they opposed selling the land in the past based on a portion of the APR being in Windsor. If their objection is based in law, there is a disconnect that may need a legislative fix. If it is policy, the ball will be in their court.