**Town Manager Update**

*February 13, 2023*

Most of what I’ve been doing in the past week is reflected in the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

The state just provided some good news; their valuation of state-owned land in Dalton is going up 11%. This year, the Town is receiving $78,998, so next year that should rise about $8,000 to about $87,000.

Town Hall staff are now completely out of the building. The Building Superintendent will be preparing the building for the asbestos removal over the next month. Work is scheduled to begin in one month, March 13, with asbestos removal and remediation, with reconstruction starting about 45 days after that, the beginning of May. Staff could be back in Town Hall early in the summer.

My new intern, Joe Callahan, has taken community engagement as a focus of his studies, so I will be working with him as we try to generate more ideas. In the meantime, I’ve been introducing him to the job and the files I’d like him to work with.