

Coordinator Report November 21, 2019

I was contacted by Royalston Selectboard chair, Mrs. Long, regarding Warwick's interest in signing on to a letter requesting the state's financial assistance for the added costs of dealing with the recent severe weather. The dollar threshold for the event statewide for assistance won't be met. I authorized Warwick be included in Royalston's letters. This is a long shot.

I wrote a piece for the newsletter and as requested it leads with the Selectboard's thanks to the wider community for their part in the storm outage.

I can't find it now but recall that in past few days Todd wrote or called me and expressed concern that there be no delay in implementing remote power locked front doors at WCS. This was in response to my idea that we delay implementation and provide this functionality as part of a larger project of integrated "smart building" controls. Agenda item provided.

Some of BMAG's towns have signed on with the regional planning agency in Springfield, PVRPA, for accounting. Colrain, Rowe, Heath and Munroe use a CPA who was with Leyden. The email's which discuss this have included me and did not say Warwick most recently. FRCOG's number two is involved and I'm looking to his lead to find a way forward. Meanwhile we are advertising for consultant or employee; or an employee to be part of the consortium. We should stick with VADAR software and not do another conversion. Everyone agrees it is superior software.

Need a motion to authorize the chair or vice chair to sign the town's Green Communities annual report. Janice K provided this for previous meeting, and I've included the excel document for your review. Pioneer's budget process is slated to wind up in early February. Their B & Grounds is considering a solar array. Janice K is advancing a month to month solar net meter credit purchase agreement that offers 10% discount. Tanya agreed to provide information about special needs charter school reimbursement.

We have a tax classification hearing at 7 pm Monday. We always in the past use the same tax rate for all classes of real property. If we had a commercial base, we could consider multiple rates. I'll have a revised letter regarding forest cutting to our legislators for the meeting.

I am aware that the Town needs candidates for Selectboard, and Town Clerk: and applicants for appointment effective July 1 for: Animal Control, barn inspector, and field driver.