Coordinator report January 17, 2019

The Treasurer needs to borrow $500k against the $718k approved chapter 90 spending. This will be a state revenue (grant) anticipation loan. The paving bill has been paid and we have not yet been reimbursed. This will assist with our cash flow.

Our Finance Committee, newly appointed, includes Diana Noble, Olivier Flagollet, and Gregg Brodski. Greg will need an Ethics Exemptions (MGL 268:20D) as he also serves on the Conservation Commission. Dawn and Bill declined to serve. Moderator Koester continues to recruit, and I spoke with one potential candidate today.

This will be our monthly onsite meeting with BMAG Accounting. Matters to discuss and review are chart of accounts, status of FY18 closeout, our independent CPA audit of FY18, and the status of free cash certification. I want to learn about available reports including a comprehensive income statement, other funds such as broadband and transfer station statements and their take on reconciling department books to accountant’s.

Town Departments, Boards and Commissions have been invited to a discussion of Projects and Goals to which several have replied. I’ve posted a rather blanket meeting notice to cover this all boards meeting.

Tom Wyatt has suggested some Heart Committee / PV Regional discussion. This includes review of regional agreement draft, a report on Pioneer / GM consultant presentation and review of the implementation plan and action steps including considering membership in the planning committee required in formation of a new larger district.

Included is a discussion to consider Establishing an Account Earmarked for Supporting WCS. I presume this would be a donation account of some sort.

I hired Brian Killay to shovel town hall sidewalk and steps. Brian is a student and is dual enrolled in Pioneer and GCC. I will backstop him up during the day when he is at school. I’ll need to find somebody to shovel during school hours following my surgery while I am convalescing.

We got the LTA (technical assistance) request filed and anticipate a decision around Feb. 1st.

One of the air source heat pumps broke down. A reset fixed it. It may have been as simple as somebody putting it out of heat mode. I did not note the code. I notified the vendor and if it throws a code again, they will investigate.

Todd forwarded a draft highway policy that I am going to study over the weekend. Chief Shoemaker will be in to report. $5 dump bags weren’t as painful as I imagined. BoH and Doc as Selectboard Chair each got one piece of unattributed / unsigned criticism. The visual cues the “dump” gave last week was much improved. Next is to correct everything going on behind the doors of the containers. The white Styrofoam coolers for instance.

Pioneer member town’s Joint district Selectboard/Fin Com meeting is scheduled for Monday January 28th.
J Toth is working with B.I. Delorey regarding the WCS insulation project. If a coating is required, we will have a funding gap. We are looking at our options.

The IP address block is history. With the help of our consultant we are implementing PPPoE authentication to further protect our subscribers. This creates a point to point tunnel from our subscriber’s router to ours making traffic invisible to snoopers. Broadband reached $10k in revenue last month, this for the first time.

We lost two Warwick residents this past week. Ralph Jay and Marge Fellows both passed away. Marge and Ted moved away in retirement and visited often; and Ralph spent his past few years at Applewood though he was still a resident.