Coordinator Report December 6, 2018

We are addressing a situation at transfer station which is getting increasing attention from DEP. We have been advised that they may fine us if we don’t permanently correct the matters they have repeatedly identified having to do with orderliness and sloth. In response the Transfer Station Commission met and have instituted more oversight and additional manpower. Reporting and money turn over improvements are also sought. They are working on the job description and are seeking the involvement of the employee who ran Wednesdays this summer to provide more staff and oversight to assure that nothing is left undone for tomorrow.

The Commission is also is raising bag fees on Jan 1 to resolve a revenue deficit that has been consistently having the Town transfer station revenue about $3k under expenses. To reduce attendant distraction and money handling the price of large bags purchased at the dump is going to $5. Same bags are available at Library or Town Hall for $3 ea. The old price was $2.50 each.

WPD was awarded the dash camera grant Shoe applied for from MIIA, our insurer. In a prior year we got body cameras and one dash camera. This will upgrade the second cruiser.

We are waiting on ARIN, one of the IP address registries to approve our acquisition of 512 public IP4 addresses and then we can implement this change. Have not seen the MBI grant extension that you voted, to date. Have reached out to our contact.

We got our tax rate set on 12/6 and it is $21.24 / 000. Beth had to do some advocacy to get DOR to allow us to “recognize” the monthly solar royalty income stream as an estimated receipt.

A few weeks ago, Highway got spearfished and email credentials were used to generate spam. I got WHD a Win10 64 bit pro pc for $75, set it up to store files in the cloud as well as on the 500 Gb HDD. Also asked Larry (and cc’d Advisory Com) to keep a journal about his storm decisions so we can understand the thinking involved.

Verizon got the FD’s two new plain old telephone lines installed at the new station this week.

Town received a check in payment of a housing rehab loan that by rule, as a CDBG loan repayment, is not subject to “Program Income” rules because of it age and has been paid to town and is available for TM appropriation, traditionally to reduce the tax levy.

I have been getting questions about closure of WCS including cost to insure vacant building and cost to Town to leave the District. Answer is the board decided to accept the GC Competitive grant and the building will be in public use. We could start a private school and make PV an “option” like FC Tech. If a Town leaves the District it gets saddled with a proportional share of the retiree insurance and pension unfunded liability. So, we’d stay in and reduce our footprint. There are two towns in CT who have a local private academy as their public elementary school.

I am so pathetic or beloved that I got a fruit basket from the Guild this year. I thank them and thank them as for as well for attending to me when I slipped on the ice and was concussed.
For an encore a few days later, I fell again. I’ve been advised by my doctor to dial it down until I am fully recovered. I thank everybody for their patience and concern.