

Coordinator Report May 21, 2020

I posted this in a way that Finance Committee and our education committees can participate if a quorum obtains.

Newly elected member Brian Snell will make a Chapter 268 Section 20c disclosure of his election to the Selectboard considering his ongoing and prior appointive position to the Warwick Education Committee. I will locate the proper form and give assistance. This gets filed with the Town Clerk beside the ethics exemptions. This is disclosure.

Selectboard reorganization following the recent town election. Board needs to elect a Chair, Vice-chair, and Clerk.

I met with Melanson Heath yesterday. They advised I contact DOR regarding our overspending. What we overspend in the current FY must be funded like a snow and ice deficit. There are more options in the coming year under the emergency. Our current FY20 expenditure do not fall under the emergency. The point being we can't amortize this cost, we must meet it. I hope we don't amortize in the future and there is a way.

I request the Selectboard vote to seek FY21 emergency spending (1/12 of prior year) spending authorization and specifically, vote to approve the emergency expenditure plan for July 2020 (FY21).

Larry reports he has a Highway department prospective hire with all the necessary endorsements and licenses, if he is ready is possible for you to vote, if not I'll carry it over to a future meeting.

At last Tuesday's School Committee Subcommittee on which I serve, the DoF represented only \$35 k of savings due to closing Warwick. A majority including me insisted on some real budget cuts / assessment lowering to the tune of a total of \$100k. I complimented DoF that I didn't worry about junk budgeting that doesn't work anyplace but on the paper. Within hours she had created a specious document toting up all kinds of purported savings from closing WCS which she stated earlier could not be done. So, we said make real cuts elsewhere. Does not appear we are getting these.

There's an agenda item to discuss the purported amended Pioneer District Agreement which is so radically different it is a new agreement. Warwick should not be able to be voted in without agreement. I have called for feedback from the other towns about Warwick remaining at grades 7 – 12

Next meeting of the 6 Town Planning Board / Gill-Montague Study is this Friday late afternoon. I'll be able to make a report. Our final OSP is ready for submission which requires ratification by the planning Board and Selectboard at minimum. I request you vote to send a letter approving the final version of the updated Open Space Plan.

Another needed vote is to authorize a letter to DOER (energy) regarding Warwick's Green Communities Competitive Grant application, our school and the building's future; and including

acknowledgement of the grant terms that could require repayment of the grant if the structure is not kept in use as a public building. I think it is time to publicize our plan to remain open to support children and parents even if not part of our District. Some of the measures have great payback and the smart building controls will pay dividends even if not so fast as the motor drives. A smaller footprint or change of use will alter the energy saving analysis.

Diana did some interesting conceptual work about layout and reuse of the building. The GC grant includes measures to integrate WCS building controls, fire detection and security. Folks have been wanting to talk about securing WCS. This is a good time to talk about that. I got a call from District facilities director asking if it would be permissible for him to oversee the staff removing only their personal property from WCS to which I agreed. In the very near future, we should follow up so teachers can move curriculum and the district can avoid having to pay a bonus for working past the last defined contracted work day. I agreed to supervised removal of only personal property.

I worked through Ron on the Fire Chief hiring. He told me to expect responses from Joey and Colin on the weekend. I sent an email to each this week. You can discuss acting, interim, and fully qualified, and a path. I look forward to reviewing vision statement and plans which could include training, documentation, policies and procedures, apparatus, and thoughts on the medical aspect of the job.

Vote to authorize that the construction materials cost incurred when I move a grant expenditure off an incorrect account, be reallocated from the fire department expense to EPZ account.

Having conferred with DOR and read some DLS Bultins on FY21 I would like to return to looking at our FY21 and beyond accounting options. I have some price concessions from Lavery AP for data processing payable by going back to biweekly vendor warrants resulting in some cost savings.

I heard from a public health nurse that a Warwick resident is a workplace close contact of someone who's tested positive for COVID. That individual is under quarantine and a test for the resident is in process.

We met the deadline for the electric aggregation response. We are the Philistines of the group because we hewed to the Selectboard's directive that we seek lower cost than the standard offer and as much green energy as we can while obtaining lower cost.

Supplier – Dynegy

Term – 41 months

Default Product – National Wind RECS - 100% Green Product

Default Rate – \$0.08798

Optional Product – 100% MA CLASS 1 RECS

Optional Rate – \$0.12466

I meet with MBI tomorrow about our broadband project and timeline. If there is time in the meeting, I'll try and demonstrate our monitoring software which we have developed, own, and if making us better. We won't have to pay for it every year.

“See you “ Tuesday because Monday is Memorial Day observed