

## First Selectman's Report- March 6, 2018

- Participated in the Regional Transportation Safety Committee Meeting held at the NW Hills Council of Governments office in Goshen. Reviewed crash data and discussed recommendations to improve safety at the various locations mentioned in the draft report. A final report will be put together and recommendations will be made to the State DOT to help improve highway safety throughout our towns in the Northwest corner.
- Attended and participated in Blood Borne Pathogen training with the Highway Department crew and Greg Vail from the Transfer Station.
- Participated in the Regional School District Working Group Meeting where we discussed several recommendations for the legislature including:
  - a. Require regional school districts to establish finance boards consisting of representatives from member towns to provide input on local budget issues.
  - b. Allow the use of a five year rolling average in determining the average daily membership (ADM) in schools for purposes of calculating member town allocations.
  - c. Authorize towns participating in regional or local school districts to reduce education spending to reflect cuts in education funding, including cuts resulting from lapses or deficit holdbacks.
  - d. Clarify state statutes to ensure that school districts have the flexibility to better manage school transportation costs by allowing school districts to survey parents to determine whether they require bus transportation to/from school and to develop a transportation plan that better reflects actual ridership levels.
- Participated in a cost savings strategies seminar through the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities including drug and alcohol testing services, municipal energy purchasing, municipal consulting service and municipal discount prescription drug programs.
- Advertised requests for proposals for the asbestos abatement for the Fire House renovation. Met with several contractors to review the scope of work.
- Coordinated the removal of a dangerous tree limb reported to the First Selectman's office. Tree Contractor service was contacted by Deputy Tree Worden Kyle Rosenbeck and the tree limb was removed within 4 hours. Nice Job Town Crew!
- Working with the Council of Governments to purchase "Your Speed Is Signs" at a lower cost to the Town to be installed on our local roads.
- Laurel and I participated in drug and alcohol training for supervisors to become more familiar with Drug and Alcohol policies for municipalities.