

First Selectman's Report April 17, 2018

MVFD OSHA Report update- The Fire Department has yet to submit an abatement plan as requested. It was found that the OSHA citation report had been removed the posting board at the fire house. Joel Skilton was notified that the report must be posted per OSHA. Joel reported that the citations were reposted and that they are working on other items. Met with a representative of the Town's insurance company to discuss ways to help the MVFD Inc. become compliant with the OSHA regulations.

Fire House Renovation- The architect will be seeking cost estimates for work to be done. Asbestos abatement is planned to start once estimates are received and it is determined that there is adequate funding currently in place to complete the project.

Budget- Currently working with the Board of Finance on department requests. Next meeting of the Board of Finance is Wednesday, April 18.

Town Hall Projects- The cupola windows have been replaced and we are awaiting new finial turnings to be completed and installed. The siding on the cupola was also replaced. Currently getting quotes replace the lower entrance door and upgrade the alarm system.

JMS Generator Project- Exploring the possibility with Superintendent Chris Leone of installing a generator at the JMS which would allow the Town to utilize the School as its Emergency Operations Center. Engineering for the installation is done and we are now seeking cost estimates.

Health Insurance- The Town health insurance went out to bid. We are currently working with an insurance broker to find a comparable plan at a lower cost to the Town.

Heating Oil & Fuel- Met with members of the Litchfield County Municipal Oil Buying Group to find ways to lock in for fuel and oil at a lower rate by buying fuel in greater bulk.

Town Hall Drinking Water- Worked with the Department of Health to satisfy an unresolved violation dating back to 2012. The Town Hall is now compliant.

Participated in an Emergency Management Symposium with other Town leaders and public safety officials to discuss school security, Cyber Security, the Opioid Crisis along with other topics.

Attended and participated in the monthly Northwest Hills Council of Governments Meeting held in Goshen.

Participated in a seminar with our Town Treasurer Nancy Skilton on Ethics, Accountability, and Conflicts of Interest put on by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

Worked with our Highway Department during a snowstorm to keep our roads open and safe.

Met with Boy Scout Jonathan Robert to discuss his plan of action to install new pavers and plantings at the Veteran's Memorial in the Town Park. This will be Jonathan's Eagle Scout Project and he expects it to be completed in time for Memorial Day. Thank you Jonathan.

Met with Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning, Assessor, Building Department, Town Clerk's Office, Fiscal Office, Torrington Area Health District, Board of Assessment Appeals, Highway Department, and the Community Activities Director.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Finance Meeting, Morris Community Hall, 4/18/18 @ 7:30 PM.

Bantam Lake Protective Meeting, Morris Community Hall, 4/19/18 @ 7:00 PM

Advisory Committee on EMS/Fire Relations, Morris Community Hall, 4/19/18 @ 7:30 PM.

Economic Development Special Meeting, Thomaston Town Hall, 4/24/18 @ 5:30 PM.

James Morris School Annual Sixth Grade Tea, Reading Room, 4/26/28.