

First Selectman's Report

July 21, 2020

Highway Department: The Department continues with regular maintenance of the roads and properties. Smokey Hollow Road is expected to be reclaimed and paved during the week of August 4th. The crew is also working on improvements to the lower cabin at the Morris Town Beach.

Town Hall: The interior and exterior painting has been completed. An absentee ballot drop box provided by the State of Connecticut arrived and has been installed at the lower entrance next to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector drop box. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector now have a new intercom/video system that is connected to the Front Door. They can now communicate with people at the front door from their offices and have the ability to unlock the door remotely.

Morris Beach and Recreation has been busy with the lower cabin renovations and also have an upcoming concert at the Town Beach this Friday night with LA's Backstage Pass starting at 6 PM. Bring your blankets, chairs and Frisbees. Work is being done to install a swim area at the beach to keep boats away from swimmers.

With the help of Jocelyn Ayer of the NW Hills Council of Governments, the First Selectman applied for and received a \$15,000 Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing. This grant is very timely for the Town of Morris as the Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and affordable housing will be part of this plan. Thank you Jocelyn Ayer for all of your assistance!

Meetings: The First Selectman continues to participate in meetings with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, the DEMHS Region 5 Regional Emergency Planning Team Steering Committee, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Committee, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans update initial Meeting, the RESF 7 Resource Management Committee, and the weekly Governor's Meetings.

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