
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

TO: SELECTBOARD
FROM: PETE WEBSTER, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
DATE: JUNE 19, 2009

Here's a quick summary of the past two weeks:

- Met with our Energy Committee twice more on the possibility of a municipally-owned solar array. More details will be presented at your next meeting Wednesday.
- Attended our monthly GUVSWD meeting in Hartland, continuing with the plans for opening a district landfill next year on our property in Hartland. I am one of the three on the so-called Landfill Advisory Committee (along with Phil Swanson of Woodstock and Bob Stacey of Hartland), and we are requesting RFP's on the opening and management of this district-owned landfill.
- I have continued my meetings with some of the 14 multiple-year tax delinquents. For the most part these meetings (with Roberta Robinson) have been quite well-received, as these property owners who have chosen to respond to the first two registered mailings want to do the right thing and bring their accounts current. We still have four accounts who unfortunately have chosen to not accept their registered letters from this office, and this week I will turn those accounts over to Town Counsel for future legal action. We currently have only 34 delinquent tax parcels out of about 1500 taxable parcels (2.2%), representing about \$140,000 out of a total of \$13,000,000 in tax revenue, less than 1.1% of total taxes.
- I met with Fire Chief Steve Leinoff to discuss various issues involving the department.
- Had another interview with Bob Franzoni of CATV.
- Purchased a small condo in Norwich Meadows, becoming our newest taxpayer. After about two months of extensive renovations I will finally become a resident.

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Norwich Business Council, continuing planning for the Olde Home Day/Norwich Family Day town-wide free cookout at the Montshire Museum. This is currently scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12th.
- Met with Brion McMullen and Sharon Racusin to go over the history of the GUVSWD and address some of Sharon's concerns and questions regarding recycling efforts, our transfer station, and the efforts to start the Solid Waste District's own landfill down in Hartland.
- I attended a wonderful cookout at a neighborhood gathering organized by the Millers to introduce more residents to my wife, daughter and me, attended by about 40 Norwichites, including our state representative Margaret Cheney and US Congressman Peter Welch. Several more of these are being planned in various neighborhoods going forward this summer so I can meet with residents who I've not yet met, and discuss town issues in an informal setting.
- Met with the Finance Committee to go over year-end budgets, discuss delinquent taxes, and start the planning for the upcoming budget sessions.
- Attended a VTCMA board of directors meeting at the League offices in Montpelier—we are updating our association's Code of Ethics (which currently are taken directly from the ICMA Code of Ethics) to reflect the more rural nature of our communities here in Vermont.
- I will be meeting with Brion McMullen on Monday and residents of Hawk Pine to discuss their specific water issues.
- Final accounting for the bandstand looks very good—all bills are in except for two—one final bill from Richard Electric for \$3,250 and the final bill from GR Porter. Porter thinks they may come in lower than their contracted price by about \$1,000 or so, which will leave a slight balance in the bandstand fund that might be seed money for a maintenance endowment.

That's pretty much it for this period. I look forward to our meeting Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Pete Webster