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FROM: Rod Francis, Acting Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Report
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Waste Hauling Contract with Casella and Transfer Station Fees

I am working with the Finance Director, DPW Director and Transfer Station staff to develop a new fee structure for access to the transfer station. This is in response to the significant increases in hauling fees from Casella, part of the new agreement and a reflection of labor challenges and fuel increases I hope to have recommendations for a new fee structure for approval May 25, 2022.

Staffing

We have welcomed Keith Waterman to the Building and Ground Technician position and are looking forward to a busy summer. Meanwhile elsewhere in the packet you see will be the process for appointing the Zoning Administrator who we expect to be in place by next week.

ARPA

After some challenges I was able to submit our first Project and Expenditure Report to the US Treasury where I reported that we were electing to take the standard allowance of \$1,019, 038 and that we will be using these funds as revenue replacement in the qualifying budget years (assigning these funds to the General Fund).

Woody Adams Conservation Forest

The DPW Director and I met with Craig Layne, Conservation Commission Chair to inspect erosion damage to the trail accessing the Woody Adams Conservation Forest. We hope to be able to assist the Trails Sub-committee and work with VELCO to prevent vehicular access to the trail which is restricted to non-vehicular use.

Proposed Reciprocal License Agreement with SAU70

This agreement was proposed to cover the use by the Town Recreation Department of school facilities and the SAU70's proposed ABA compliant trail in the Milt Frye Nature Area. We provided an initial draft agreement in early January. We received a response to our draft agreement on April 14. On April 29 I provided a response to the suggested changes from counsel for SAU70. We are working through remaining differences.