

The information contained in this report is intended to inform the Board of Selectpersons, staff, and residents some of the current activities taking place within the manager's office or the Town in general. All topics are open for discussion.

Thermal Camera Purchase - Chief Payson and staff have been working with Freeport Fire to complete an evaluation and the purchasing process for thermal cameras for their respective departments. Because of this combined bid efforts the town was able to save a substantial amount of money. In the PWD/FRD reserve \$12,000 was scheduled to purchase one (1) camera during this fiscal year and another in 2019 totaling \$24,000. The total cost for the two (2) cameras was \$8,990 which provided the Town with a cost savings of \$15,010. The bid was awarded to Harrison Schrader Enterprises. A job well done by all.

Minimum Wage - The new minimum wage law will go into effect January 1, 2017. The first year calls for a minimum hourly rate of \$9.00. It will continue to go up \$1.00 for the next three (3) years reaching an hourly rate of \$12.00 by 2020. Currently, this only affects the Fire Rescue Department, and there will be an impact on employee training pay and Chief's Assignment Pay for this fiscal year. The rates will go from \$8.50 to the \$9.00 an hour rate. An estimate of \$843 is expected in for the remainder of the year; 75% in training pay and 25% in assignment pay.

Living Well in North Yarmouth - The community group working on aging in place continues to make great strides in the program's development. Living Well in North Yarmouth with the tag - An Age-Friendly Community is the name chosen by this group to establish NY's identity to its program. The group has been diligently working on an age-targeted survey (draft enclosed) that they would like to have mailed to the community to include a return self-addressed stamped envelope. It is a cost of approximately \$930, and there are postage funds available. Unless the Select Board objects the mailing is will take place in January.

NYBA - I attended the business association's monthly meeting as their guest speaker and spoke to the group about the many positive activities happening in NY. Some of which included the new GIS program, Wescustogo Hall, Camion Associates, personal property tax and the new business directory we are developing on the web.

Wescustogo Hall - The work continues; next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 8th @ 7:00 pm and Thursday, December 15th @ 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at NYMS. The public is welcome to attend.

North Yarmouth / Cumberland / School District Gathering - This year the Town Manager's and Superintendent have scheduled the get-together for Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Cumberland Town Office; refreshments will be served. It will be an informal workshop on the recently released school enrollment study. Chuck Lawton of PDI will be there to explain specific areas of the report and answer any questions.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Survey Results - Included with this report is a copy of the survey results for your review. This committee is now working on plans for a community forum to discuss the survey results and obtain more feedback. The committee remains on schedule with its assigned task. I commend them for their accomplishments thus far.

Respectfully,

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