

**Solar Proposals:** We received proposals from both firms. I have scheduled Revision for 7 PM and Barrington Power for 8 PM. The purpose is to explain their proposals.

**Proposed Town Hall Decisions:** By Monday noon 2/16 we are to have new numbers for the Board to make a decision on the heating/cooling system and wall construction method.

**Health Officer.** With Tom Abbott's resignation as Health Officer, I recommend the Board make a recommendation to the State for the appointment of Code Enforcement Officer John Huckins, who is currently Deputy Health Officer.

**Tax Collector.** I recommend the reappointment of Linda Markiewicz as Tax Collector at the proposed salary in the budget, \$46,628.

**Treasurer.** I recommend the reappointment of Peter Royce as Treasurer at the proposed salary in the budget, \$5,410.

**Renna Property:** Does the Board want a title search done on this property?

**Request for reduction in taxes:** The association at Barrington Oaks has taken a double wide manufacturing unit for nonpayment of rent. They are requesting the town waive the taxes as they plan to sell it. I asked John Huckins to look at the unit. He indicates it needs a good cleaning out, replacement of some worn flooring and perhaps there is a leak in the roof, but overall this 1998 unit has a lot more value than the back taxes and back rent. We have it appraised at \$44,800. Back taxes owed are under \$8,000. I recommend the Board reject the request and retain the lien to get the back taxes when the association resells it. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

**Tax liens on contaminated property:** We have liens going back decades on a contaminated site (Ford) that the Town is not going to take and which we will not collect. We would like to clear them off the books rather than report them as collectables each year. ***Will the Board agree to abate the liens from 2011 and older on these properties?***

**Evaluation:** It is time for evaluation on the Town Administrator.

**Information:**

**Tamposi lot, Thinning for Rabbit habitat:** The income for this project, \$81,188.01. Even with the road project the Conservation Fund is ahead by \$50,000. There are some minor things still to be done including 1. Place gravel on parking area, 2. Move gate past parking area and preventing driving around it, 3. Regrade the road and perhaps add gravel (170 trailer truck loads went over it but it held up well). There is potential for additional income as some areas that were not reached and of course the Renna Property could be cut once the Town owns it. There is a possibility of spending some money improving other areas of the woodlot for future timber production.

**Upcoming Court Cases:** We have two court cases March 19. Debra Rogers on Green Hill is seeking to overturn a ZBA decision on a neighbor's commercial use. George Calef is seeking to overturn the ZBA decision on the gas station.

**Voter Information:** The School is not going with a pamphlet, but just a card. Therefore unless we want to do two mailings, we will only have the card about voting that has some information on proposed Town Hall picture and short information.

**Fund Balance:** The town held back paving money and expending in other areas because the Spring used so much money for snow removal. In the end we had very little expenditure for snow removal in December (easy to forget).

**Mailboxes:** Here is a summary of the current town policy: mailboxes are allowed in the town right of way, but they are there at the owner's risk. The Town will not be responsible for their replacement or repair. We are also willing to provide suggestions on location of both the mailbox and where to put snow so it does not get into the road.

Lines underspent by significant amounts: \$12,889 a contingency line in Executive; \$17,294 Admin Benefits (town encouraged employees to go to a lower priced Health Insurance plan and changed personnel policy so that became the base for the town's co-pay, note this savings shows up in many departments); \$15,611 was a savings in Administration contracts; \$31,520 Legal; \$17,823 Building Maintenance; \$26,314 Police Employee HI benefits; \$40,346 Highway HI benefits; \$22,090 paved roads; \$21,197 Transfer Station wages (went to single stream recycling); \$12,435 Transfer Station benefits (some HI, some because of lower wages on roll-up costs); \$15,000 Dam Maintenance (did not need to make the repairs in 2014). Note the total unexpended appropriations was \$352,257. The other part of increasing fund balance is revenue in excess of anticipation when setting tax rate \$175,761, mostly from greater auto registrations.

10 Year Road Plan for State (2017-2027): Staff has recommended the following six projects on state roads for priorities.

1. Junction Province Road and Route 125
2. Junction New Town Plains/Pierce Road and Route 125
3. Junction Beauty Hill /Winkley Pond Road and Route 125
4. Junction Route 9 and the Western end of Ramsdell Lane
5. Study of area of Junction Route 125 and Route 9 inclusive from Village Place to Smoke Street on Route 9 and Province Road to either Deerridge or Scruton Pond Road on Route 125

6. The junction of Scruton Pond Road and Route 125 was moved down the pre-existing list because accidents there have declined since the Tolend Light and there is a developer who will likely be making an upgrade if the plans for commercial development occur.