

# Town Manager Report


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## Announcement on Existing Vacancies:

The following is a list of current vacancies on the following committees:

- Architectural Preservation District Commission (2 vacancies-1 citizen at large and 1 representative from Historical Commission)
- Board of Assessors (1 vacancy-joint appointments between BOA and BOS until next ATE)
- Bylaw Review Committee (1 vacancy)
- Commissioner of Trust Funds (2 vacancies-joint appointment between CTF and BOS until next ATE)
- Economic Development Committee (1 person recommended by the Open Space Committee, 1 citizen at large, and 1 ex-officio member that is business owner)
- Senior Work Off Program Committee (1 vacancy)
- Zoning Board of Appeals ( 1 Associate vacancy)

Interested persons can find application forms on the Town Website and completed forms can be sent to the Select Board's Office.

## Invitation for Bids:

We received general bids for the Public Safety Carport project today. We received two bids; the low bidder was Elite Construction and Design of Fitchburg for a total cost of the project of \$298,750 (includes the low bidder price for roofing/flashings). The total cost for this project is approximately \$164,000 more than the appropriated amount in the capital article and at this time are recommending not to move forward with this project as this would impact the FY21 and FY22 facilities budget severely.

## Flat Hill Culvert Update:

The DPW Director and I received a comparison of the original preliminary construction cost estimate to the revised construction cost estimate for the Flat Hill Culvert project.

A big factor is the unpredictable material and contractor costs that the engineering firm has been seeing lately that impacted the estimated cost for demolition of the existing structure and costs of asphalt, rebar, etc. Due to COVID and the Texas infrastructure collapse this winter, there have been shortages for various materials and unusually high prices. This may trend downwards, depending on timing of the advertisement for the project but the revised cost estimate is based on today's pricing. This added approximately \$67,000 to the estimated costs.

The other big factor is the final design includes longer and taller wingwalls to avoid increased fill in the lake and to address the bit of discovered scour at the existing culvert. This in turn required more excavation for the wingwalls and created a closer proximity to abutments, which resulted in some temporary support of excavation. The temporary support of excavation at two of the abutments is required so as not to undermine the shed at the southeast corner and the structure at the south west corner. This added approximately \$209,000 to the estimated costs.

Due to the increased total cost of the project, this also impacted the 10% contingency amount and increased that by approximately \$26,000.

As previously stated, the DPW Director and I will work with the engineering firm to submit a Small Bridge Grant application as soon as MassDOT announces they are accepting applications.

## Meetings, Events and Other Announcements:

- Lunenburg Farmers Market on the Ritter Lawn will be Sundays starting June 13th until October 10th 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. except on Sunday, July 4th.
- Summer Band Concerts will resume on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., July 12th until August 9th (with a rain date of an additional Monday on August 16th) and will outside the front entrance of the TCP Building.