

## Coordinator report July 30, 2020

Broadband is in the second week of a planned month-long lift rental. Been working on making better connections at neighborhood poles and at some customer sites. Improving troubled connections and making configuration changes to implement something like routing with isolation and spanning tree protocol on our bridged network have resulted in improvement with respect to latency.

The STRAP grant deadline is a month away. I got Larry an answer to his question of town counsel about our obligation to use Gill Engineering if awarded. I am wondering if this funding ask is on track.

Last month the contract the town has with Susan Hollins our educational consultant ended. The Ed Committee and I both recommend we retain her to help guide us in reopening our elementary school. I spoke with Susan and she is amenable to continuing. We have \$4k available from the original appropriation and I suggest we allocate some CARES Act funding which you will be disusing for the portion that is adaptive to the crisis / pandemic. We may want to consider a longer term than one year as we are on a two-year path; having not been able to give a year's notice to the District in time. The money we are paying is de minimus. It does legitimize this labor of love and provide our consultant with liability coverage. Recall that we indemnify.

CARES Act funding is available to Warwick in the amount of \$68,771. Uses first need to apply for FEMA funding and some uses designated by "\*" are not FEMA eligible. After checking in with Board of Health and public safety it seemed to me that our costs to date were small. However, Pioneer wants us to apply for \$7771 on their behalf which they already indicated they want to increase by a few thousand. They allocate \$4291 funds to contribute to acquiring: Elem. Teacher Laptops; Mobile UV Disinfection Units; Air Purifiers; other needs include additional Desks; Plexiglass Stands/Partitions; Additional PPE/Custodial Supplies Plexiglas, tent rental.

We had a good meeting with Superintendent Scagel about transportation concerns. They agreed to move the Northfield bound transfer of students from town hall to WCS and we seem on a path to use distance learning capacity to provide for no or far fewer snow days and limit the requirement of our resident student's to be on the roads in bad weather.

Sue H has offered to write an initial response to Sullivan / Lynch letter which was in reply to mine on our transition out of the District.

She also suggests we pursue immediately a Flex Provision Innovation School. I think we should as well seed a MOU between PV and CVS; and we should use some CARES funding for providing space and support for our public-school enrolled students. With our space at WCS we could create a CARES funded volunteer coordinator position for town's food/mentorship/pod Covid19 response. I do not have anybody in mind for the job. Just not me.

Home school / virtual school parent MOU is in process and is not coming easy for me. I hope to have a brief conversation with you members to identify all the key needed provisions.

I have on the agenda an item titled critical path analysis for reestablishing elementary. This is management school jargon for an agenda or road map. We have about 18 months to get everything submitted to DESE.

The Coop area is now uniquely keyed. Classroom at the other end keyed for secure broadband use. And the front door West entry kitchen and gym keyed the same. Master provided to FD. I had some disagreement with Joe our new Fire Chief and in the end decided he was right, and I was wrong. Even though we're not at public school this year we will operate the building as if it is one anyway; and that will keep our compliance and standing and remove that potential objection to our reopening as Warwick Community School, Warwick discovery school, Warwick innovation school, whatever we call it; a school in Warwick for our elementary aged kids.

Attached to the meeting are Financial Reports which are going to become a regular thing.