

## Coordinator Report

I was asked about the Pioneer district's water system operator and the answer I gave which had to do with the prior employee turned out not to be true. I was contacted by the water testing firm who had been contracted subsequently by the District. As a result, we have our water system operator. The firm is East national water out of Palmer MA I let them in on Wednesday the 19th on we are working on setting them up as a vendor and establishing an underlying agreement on cost which I will report upon later

Gerry got grounds mowed at WC S and he is keeping, in addition the center school ballfield, Fellows Memorial, the Town Park and library grounds mowed.

We had a zoom meeting with Mr. Wade about WCS ventilation system design. He is the designer of installed system. Through luck we learned that we have a superior design for minimizing exposure of airborne pathogens. In this design, cold air exits from vents located low on the exterior cold wall while warm air enters high on the opposite side. As it cools, air drops across the room to be exited. Occupied mode operated with 100% fresh air makeup. A 70% efficient heat exchanger extracts much of the exiting air's energy and functions also to control mixing. We are investigating adding bipolar ionization air cleaners to the duct work. The flow has three positions or operating modes. There is startup which recirculates and makes it faster to come up to temperature, recirculate which takes a portion of the outflow and routes it back and is not much used. And occupied mode which involves complete air exchange.

Corresponded with Suburban Propane the incumbent supplier. I will keep them for now I am having them move the tank by the kitchen over to the tank farm and I am pulling a new permit for tank storage with the Fire Chief. I have called an Arranged for tank testing and evaluation of the electric range and repair and relocation of the kitchen gas tank. I question the 100-gallon fills because 100-gallon Water capacity gas tank holds 80 gallons. We have 120-gallon tanks and they hold about 100 gallons. Suburban was able to come to Warwick yesterday the 25th and the gas propane system has been pressured tested and the kitchen range pilots are lighted griddle pilot lighted and both ovens work conventionally. I am investigating pair of the convection functionality. They estimate the fan the needed part will cost \$700.00 and they do not recommend fixing at this age. On the contrary clean event who must annually inspect and clean if necessary, the vented hood say that the kitchen gets so little use through all the years that they do not remember ever needing to clean it. I have called the fire service company for the Ansul system.

Got explanation from Suburban Propane about how they could put 100 gallons of propane in 100-gallon tank. They cannot it turns out that our 4 tanks at the school all above ground are 120 gallons. They measure propane tanks water volume, but you cannot fill them all the way. Robert's is the incumbent fuel supplier. I am staying with them. We have used them in past on diesel. We have two 275-gallon fuel oil tanks which they fill weekly in the winter. Our current market price on the fuel oil delivery made last week is \$1.52 gallon.

We have an agreement approved with the Coop which we are considering a "living document" meaning it is going to be refined over time.

I had a phone conversation and explained to constituent that opening the school to a pod/group is not the same as reopening. First, we are not reopening a school and 2nd this is a closed group not the public. The caller wants the town hall open for activities. I explained that this is a deliberate chosen group and not open to all comers. I countered that COA elders exercise, recreation activities too can use school gym by arrangement which provides almost as good space as outside. Coop are pitching the Arts Council's

tent over next weekend. The individual argued for charging out of town coop users. I described this use as on the path, a two-year path, to reopen the elementary.

In response to a determination that one of the four air handlers at the school runs 24/7 electrician Steve K has determined that there are poor terminations at the control relays, one of which has failed and created its own hardwired connection. Based on this, the air handlers cannot be operated until fixed and that fix is in motion. Steve K. is also working on the Onan propane generator starter solenoid for the school's backup power.

Broadband committee met and covered a lot though we did not have the discussion about tiers of service. We did have an outage in the middle of the meeting which the Committee got to see John and I handle. I made a few daring changes in Radio spectrum use and was able to increase some connection speeds significantly without experiencing the signal strength falloff that is predicted. While it has sped the network up and reduced latency, the overall traffic moving on and off the Internet did not change. It did become more efficient.

I met with Town Accountant and reviewed FY20 deficit spent accounts which include prior year accounting, my overspending on townhall janitorial and grounds. They also identified a DCR fire grant from fy19 that was not reimbursed and may not have been applied for. I am hoping the revenue was received and we booked it incorrectly. I got the final invoice for FY20 accounting and we think that free cash certification by the middle of October is possible and we can have a special town meeting to deal with deficits and as well other matters that we did not take up at our truncated annual town meeting.

Broadband billing for September had some issues and Jim billed it on the 19th. I didn't get copy for inclusion in the body of the bill to him but as it turns out he needed to use it to explain the billing snafu wherein about half the customers got a bill that turned out to have a bad bill number because the system crashed in the middle of billing . I have left a more detailed message on the Google voice call explaining that we will not pick up your initial call in that you need to leave a message and that this is how we open a ticket.

Had a phone call from Department of Revenue about our broadband borrowing for which they wanted us to make a principle payment and not reborrow the full \$240,000. I agreed we could certainly afford to pay down the \$15,000 they were insisting on from broadband operating budget this year. I explained that we do not have line item adherence that we just segregate wages and salaries versus operating expenses. I looked away to work on other things and then we got emailed approval of the full \$240,000. I believe that this was probably the result of me explaining that we're not one of those towns building an expensive pipe dream for millions of dollars (fiber) but that we have an 8 year old operating entity with a revenue stream and that with TM meeting approval will probably never actually borrow money long term. We are awaiting the final payment of \$150,000 from MB I which will not come on till project completion and we are in fact using some of the borrowed money now. But we will likely not once we have town meeting authorization to use our accumulated profits.

Made progress on the wireless software in the management of tree, a note functionality and of data export tool for MBI. One third of our connections so far meet the 25/3 goal. Wrote a two pager for the newsletter about broadband, the school, the Cares Act, and town reports

Worked with Sue H on the renewal contract which you approved, and Doc signed on the board's behalf.

Made some scans of historic highway maps that Ted provided to Donna McNichol regarding an old County Road in Orange who are facing development pressures on phantom roads. We are not, thanks to

the efforts of Ted and others, ultimately a town meeting in 1988 where we closed every road without a house on it.

Wrote support letters from Selectboard, Coordinator, others for STRAP. Got more than ten citizen letters and a joint letter from our legislative delegation. I wrote a note to each letter writer thanking them.

I have been asked to sign new aggregation documents. Following is derived from an email from the aggregation consultant which I have reduced: MA Clean Energy Standard Expansion will impact the aggregation pricing on the Dynegy contracts for the 36-month term starting in January 2021. The MA Clean Energy Standard Expansion is a purchase obligation that was developed by the MA DEP and went into effect in 2018. It requires the utilities and all competitive suppliers to source an increasing amount of clean energy on top of what is required by the MA Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). This is a market/public policy initiative that will add new costs to electricity consumers, beginning in 2021, for Basic Service and all Competitive Suppliers.

What this mean for the Franklin County Aggregation and the pricing already secured is that they did not include a provision for "grandfathering" of existing contracts. Dynegy reached out to Colonial to let us know that the pricing on all contracts signed after January 1, 2020 will need to be adjusted to reflect this new initiative. Colonial asked that Dynegy "spread" the required increase evenly over the remainder of the 36-month contracts, so the pricing will not need to be adjusted year-over-year.

The total price increase is just over 1 mil or 0.00102. This pricing adjustment is considered a "change in law" and, per DPU requirements, any change in law triggers a mailing to each participating consumer about that change in law and price modification. The mailing needs to be sent out 30 days prior to the price change (so no later than 11/30) after first being submitted to and approved by the DPU (along with any other consumer notification materials).

Colonial will work with Dynegy to prepare the mailing and get the necessary approvals from the DPU.