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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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TO: SELECTBOARD  
FROM: PETE WEBSTER  
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT  
DATE: 10/9/2009

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Here's a quick summary of the past couple weeks:

- I met with the GUVSWD staff as one of their three Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) members (along w/Town Managers Bob Stacey of Wilder and Phil Swanson of Woodstock) to go over the RFP for the management of the landfill. We anticipate at least two proposals from waste management companies to run this landfill for the solid waste district towns for the next ten years.
- I met with a subcommittee of the Norwich Energy Committee that is studying the merits of a central heat/power generating operation for the downtown area. There will be a report of their activities at your Oct. 14 meeting.
- Met with the landscaper who had been hired by the Women's Club to create the landscaping plan for the bandstand. I am very pleased, and thankful, for the very generous and active investment in the new bandstand that has been made by the Women's Club this summer/fall.
- I met with Roberta to go over the budget process.
- I was involved with a meeting of first responders and emergency personnel to go over the Town's preparedness plans for the H1N1 flu. We have placed disinfectant dispensers around Tracy Hall and put out a directive on the listserve of precautionary actions our residents can take.
- I met with Bob Chamberlin and Chris Barker one last time to walk the Rt. 10A section of the paving project. I also met with residents from Church Street and VTrans reps to continue putting pressure on VTrans to give us as wide a shoulder as possible along this road.
- I met with Department Heads (Bonnie Munday, Doug Robinson, Steve Leinoff, and Jill Kearney) to go over their first budget drafts. All Department Heads are working well on their charge to come up with the two budget options you have requested. I also had a good meeting with Chief Leinoff about his trip out to Western New York State to look at a 13 year old Quint that is for sale. I will have more on that potential capital purchase

later. Suffice it to say it was a productive trip and Steve is encouraged about what he examined.

- Took part in the Ct. River Watershed Council's annual Source to the Sea Cleanup that was coordinated by Genevieve Morinville and our Conservation Commission for our section of the Ct. River.
- I attended the VLCT's annual Town Fair as the voting delegate from Norwich, and you already have that summary.
- I met with the Milton Frye Nature Center Committee to explore the possibility of their using the old bandstand roof. They do not have a use for it at this time. I will be moving the roof from the school property within the next month, relocating to the Town Garage property.
- I drove Union Village Road with a resident to hear his concerns about new guard rails and signage. I will have further conversations with Andy Hodgdon about this situation. Andy and I continue to monitor the plantings within the Town right-of-way on Bragg Hill and are meeting with the resident in an effort to resolve the situation as amicably as possible.
- I sat in on the Energy Committee's latest meeting to review the municipal solar project and go over the next steps. You have received the details on that effort.
- I attended the Women's Club annual fall meeting.
- I attended the Ct. River Watershed Council's quarterly board of directors meeting.
- I took part in the Leadership Upper Valley's second of nine all day sessions. "Art Builds Community".
- I met with Amy Gamble and two other representatives from VTrans to walk Church Street during the morning school rush hour. Lee Michaelides also joined us, and we made the strongest case possible to extend the 25 mph zone. The next meeting of their Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Montpelier is next month, and I will attend that along with some residents.
- Update on Town Report—we currently have received reports from only eight entities. Reminders have been sent out, and Nancy is working on updating the mailing list.

Sincerely,

Pete