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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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TO: SELECTBOARD  
FROM: PETE WEBSTER  
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT  
DATE: 10/22/2009

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

- I have been working daily on the first draft of the FY11 budget, and it seems to be coming along well. I hope to have your initial budget books by next week for your perusal prior to the first scheduled budget meeting on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- I had several meetings with Andy to go over issues involving the paving project on Union Village Road. I also met with Andy and a resident on Bragg Hill, a second meeting, to review the unauthorized plantings by this resident that continue to encroach the Town's right-of-way and infringe upon Andy's operations. The resident was given firm direction from my office to take immediate steps to have said plantings and reflectors removed or relocated. I will continue to monitor this situation. Andy's crew is finishing up the fence replacement along the Green—those vertical posts, normally \$20 apiece, were procured from Canada as used guardrail posts for \$6 each. I believe we saved considerable expense by doing this job in-house. Andy continues to achieve significant savings for the Town in this manner.
- I met with Linda Gray of the Energy Committee to review the steps for submitting the SPEED application. Subsequently Linda and I did submit the application right at 9 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there were 195 other solar applications which far exceeded the 12.5 MW allocation for solar projects, so we are now in a lottery with those other applications. You will have an update from the Energy Committee at your next meeting.
- I attended another evening meeting of Vital Communities, along with Phil Dechert and Dan Johnson.
- I attended another evening meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee to review the progress of our proposed solar project
- I met with Nunan, Blake and Racusin to discuss efforts at better lines of communication, going forward, between the Town Manager and the Selectboard.
- I met with resident Scott Neuman, Jill Kearney, and Phil Dechert about a request for lighting for the skating rink on the Green. I have had discussions with Linda Kelley and Jonathan Brush about this extended use of the rink.

- I met with the Finance Committee to go over policies, the current budget, and the FY11 budget.
- I met with Irv Thomae and Owen McEnroe (of ECFiber) to review possible Town-owned hub sites for an ECFiber hub.
- I attended a hearing of the State Appraiser, Norman Wright, our assessor Steve Wheelock and Lister Richard Blacklow, concerning a BCA ruling on the Norwich Gateway condominiums.

That's pretty much it for this period. I look forward to our meeting Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Pete