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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: JAMES SMITH
SUBJECT: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE
DATE: 4/17/2018

The following is an update of projects and activities for your information

- 1) Ray Plante-has officially resigned from the Board of Selectmen effective April 11. As we all know he is moving to Texas for a new job and we wish him well. At the May election there will be a race to replace his seat.
- 2) Goddard Lodge Rehabilitation-GC bids were opened on Thursday, April 12 at 10 AM. We had four companies submit bids for the rehab of Goddard Lodge. The winning bidder was Colette Contracting company with a bid of \$445,500 electrical sub-bid included. We currently have \$409,000 available. With the additional capital monies of \$75,000 we should have enough to do this project. I will issue a notice of award within the next 10 days and let them know that they can begin work on May 15.
- 3) Milling and paving of the M Route-Mass DOT District 3 has begun milling from the beginning of the State Highway through Manchaug. This is approximately 4 miles of roadway improvement costing roughly \$2 million. I would like to thank John Hebert in his role as CMRPC representative for all his efforts in advocating for the section of road.
- 4) Town property at 126 Mendon Rd.-the RFP be opened on April 26 at 11 AM. The abutter has requested that we issue an RFP for the sale of this land. When the sale takes place the town will receive money for the sale of the land as well as the annual property taxes from the purchaser.
- 5) Communication Towers and fiber lines-the communication tower adjacent to Wilkes water tower is currently being prepared for construction. The 75 foot lattice tower will be replaced by 100' monopole. We are working simultaneously on the Manchaug communication tower and have contacted national grid about upgrading the power and potentially replacing the telephone pole. As

soon as the infrastructure is in place we will begin to lay the fiber lines from the town hall to Manchaug and Wilkinsonville.

- 6) The Blackstone Bridge rehabilitation-the state will close the Blackstone Bridge on April 16 for the repair. The Depot Street Bridge is the alternate route. Construction of this bridge repair should take approximately one year.