

Town Manager's Report

February 27, 2017

188 Wall Demolition

When the receiving landfill of this demolition material read the asbestos report and discovered that this building had extensive fire damage, they requested additional testing related to the presence of lead. Samples have been sent to lab and results are forthcoming. During the interim, the demolition is postponed.

42-44 Union Street Purchase Update

Fannie Mae has yet to resolve the liens that were placed upon this property. Both our realtor and attorney have requested Fannie Mae to get this resolved and we will continue requesting until it is done. The liens amount to approximately \$25,000.

Collections Agency Hired

The Town has hired CAFS, Ltd., based in Rutland, to collect old unpaid ambulance bills. The Town's new billing software has been productive with routine collections. However, in most cases after 120 days of non-payment CAFS will take over collections.

Meeting with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD)

Bob Flint, Tom Kennedy and I met with the deputy secretary of ACCD and a staff member related to future CDBG grant applications on 2/22/2017. We anticipate requesting approximately nearly \$1,000,000 for each quarter for next 3 quarters beginning August 2017. The three projects are J&L demolition, Woolson Block rehab and Industrial Park access road improvements. The Town must be the lead applicant. They were receptive to our plan. There is a board that makes the final decision on the grant award but it was very positive to get some initial backing at this meeting.

TIF LEGISLATION UPDATE

While in Montpelier we also met with some of the Windsor County legislative delegation on the TIF legislation. A bill is expected to come out of a Senate Committee on 2/23/17. David White has been heavily involved and TIF is a commonly heard term around the capitol hallways.