

Town Manager's Report

July 8, 2019

Former Tax Sale Properties Sold

235 Valley Street and 10 Slack Avenue, two (2) properties that the Town acquired through tax sales have been sold to private owners during the last few weeks. There has also been some interest in another property that was acquired through tax sale. This is an obvious indication that the real estate market is rebounding.

New Library Director on the Job July 1st

An interview panel consisting of The Town Manager, the President of the Springfield Town Library Board of Trustees and a presentative from the Friends of the Library have hired of Sue Dowdell as Library Director. Dowdell, most recently Library Director in Beacon Falls, CT, also has experience as a librarian, a school media specialist, and a classroom teacher. She'll take over for Amy Howlett, who has retired after three years as Library Director in Springfield.

South Street Sidewalk

Construction will begin the week of July 8th.

Comtu Cascade Park

A revised contract based upon funding availability has been completed. The performance bond approval is expected this week. Upon its receipt the contract will be executed and construction will begin soon thereafter. The same construction company is doing both the park and South Street sidewalk and the company plans to do the projects simultaneously.

Finance Department Employee Changes

There is a new employee in the finance department, who has an extensive accounting background, she is replacing a long term employee that has fully retired after being semi-retired for about 1-1/2 years.