

Town Manager's Report

September 24, 2018

New Fire Engine

The new fire engine is here and the finishing touches to make it fully functional are nearly complete.

Vacant and Blighted Building Ordinance Enforcement

The following buildings in the downtown are in various stages of enforcement activity. 33 Park Street, 15 Main Street, 34-36 Valley Street, 42-46 Valley Street and 84 Valley Street. Enforcement status varies, for example tickets have been written for some buildings, physical building improvement deadlines have been established for other buildings, combinations of the previous stages exist for one building and one building is nearly in compliance. Since these are ongoing enforcements and investigations are continuing a release of more detailed information is prohibited.

Workers Compensation Update

A significant reduction in the Workers Compensation premium, potentially as high as \$100,000, is anticipated for 2019. This is due to a reduction in claims during the last two (2) years and that is partly due to the efforts of the Safety Committee, the HR Department and all staff members.

In an attempt to further increase safety and reduce premiums some new programs will be initiated after some additional information is disseminated to staff members. In general the new programs refer any work related injuries, even potential injuries, to the safety committee. The programs also mandate injured workers be examined by health care professionals and occupational therapists at the new medical facility in Charlestown, NH.