

## **Town Manager's Report**

October 9, 2017

### **Springfield will participate in VT-Alert**

Town staff has decided to participate in this valuable and free alert system provided by the State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Key staff members will have the ability to inform the public of important events ranging from significant events such as large natural disasters to lesser events such as a localized street closure.

The public is encouraged to sign up for this free service by visiting [www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov) and registering and choosing from a list of desired alert messages.

### **County Road Culvert Update**

All concrete has been poured repair of the road above the culvert has begun and the road is anticipated to be reopened the week of October 16.

### **Energy Committee Update**

At the Energy Committee meeting Thursday, September 21, the committee voted to recommend to the Selectboard that the \$4,500 appropriated in the town budget for energy purposes be given to the police department for the purchase of LED lighting on the condition that the paperwork for securing a guarantee from the contractor is in place. Since this is a line item in the budget the recommendation to the Selectboard is a formality and this project is already underway.

The committee also voted to participate in Vital Communities Weatherization Campaign. I have signed the paperwork for this, and the committee's proposal for participation has been submitted. This presents a great opportunity for the committee to promote energy conservation in the Springfield area, and to bring attention to Vermont's "90 by 50" goal for renewable energy. Planning will commence shortly, and the project will be launched in January, 2018.

### **VNA Building Demolition Schedule**

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin by the end of October. The first step is to disconnect the VNA from the three (3) buildings it is currently attached to. This work will be accomplished with manual labor. Then large excavation equipment will be used to demolish the remaining structure. That work will take approximately a week.