

# **Town Manager's Report**

December 09, 2019

## **Fairgrounds Road Solar Project**

This project, which is on town land leased to the developer, is under construction and scheduled to complete before the end of the calendar year.

## **Tax Sales**

The Town "purchased" ten properties at the annual tax sale November 14th. The most notable property "purchased" was the former East School on Summer Street. 28 properties went to tax sale that day. Typically, the owners redeem the properties during the redemption year. There are a few "purchased" by the Town that we do not expect to be redeemed and they will be available for individuals to purchase immediately after redemption year expires.

## **Town vs. Community Restoration Corps- Vermont Judicial Bureau Action**

The Judicial Bureau ruled in the Town's favor on this case and ordered Community Restoration Corps to pay fines issued on six (6) different properties for operating Rooming Houses without a permit. The Judicial Bureau also ordered the violations to cease. The appeal period expires on December 21, 2019, if the decision is not appealed the town will seek additional judicial remedies.

## **Police Department Promotions**

On November 21<sup>st</sup> three (3) Police promotions were announced. Patrick Call was promoted to Lieutenant, Daniel Deslauriers was promoted to Corporal and Shaun Smith was promoted to Corporal.

## **Town to accept Credit Card Payments**

The Town has found a cost free way to accept credit card payments and will begin accepting credit cards for select payments during January or shortly thereafter. The credit card user will pay a 3% fee. Computer software and card readers will be provided by the firm engaged to assist with the card payments.

## **Human Resources Activity**

The HR Manager and various department heads have been diligently working to fill open positions.

Within the last two weeks five (5) candidates have been interviewed for one (1) part-time Recycling Attendant position, one (1) full-time Recycling Attendant position and (1) full-time Maintenance Worker I/Custodian position. One candidate has verbally accepted the full-time Recycling position and we are waiting to hear from the candidates for the part-time recycling position and the full-time Maintenance Worker I/Custodian position.

During the last three weeks, a qualified candidate for the Wastewater Chief Operator's position was interviewed. This person has been offered the position; we are waiting to hear back from him.

There are still openings for Police Officers and an Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. There have been several people coming into the Town Hall requesting job applications because they have heard of the openings.