Manager's Report
February 23, 2015

Assessor Resignation
Cy Bailey resigned on February 9th and his last day was February 17th. He accepted a full time position with the State of Vermont and has promised to help us as much as possible until a replacement has been found.

Alternative solutions to the reliance upon a part time assessor, which historically has been difficult to retain, are being investigated. One alternative is to increase current staff responsibilities and develop a more permanent staff. NEMRC has staff to fill in the voids until current staff has developed broader skills.

More to come when the best solution has been developed.

Elm Street Sidewalk Project Update
Holden Engineering has been chosen to do sidewalk design for this project. Seven (7) firms submitted proposals. The firms were ranked upon the same criteria and Holden ranked the highest. Five (5) people did the ranking. They were two people from Public Works, one from the Regional Planning Commission, one from Vtrans and myself.

Community Center Funds Pursued
Carol Lighthall, Andy Bladyka and I are collaborating and contacting funding agencies searching for improvement funds for the Community Center. Concepts being pursued are exterior aesthetic improvements, energy saving measures and a long term master plan for the building.

Community Center Repairs Update
The temporary repair is complete. The bid documents for the final repair will be out during the week of 2/23. Work will not start before May 4th due to the heavy usage of the building before that date.

Division of Fire Safety (DFS) Meeting
Project Action committee activity initiated a meeting between some Project Action neighborhood committee participates and DFS. The meeting's objective was to discuss housing upgrades and DFS inspections.

DFS officials were aware of the related Selecboard discussion that occurred at the 2/9 meeting. DFS informed us that they have been performing many inspections in Springfield based upon time that has transpired since the last inspection and were doing the older inspections first. During the last few months they have inspected approximately 20+ buildings. DFS is aware of the rental registry, but it was not used as the basis to establish inspection priorities. We were also informed that the Housing Authority inspections were initiated based upon a complaint. Springfield DFS is responsible for Windsor County and parts of Windham County. They have 32+ Towns to review and are not in Springfield every day.