

# Manager's Report

## March 9, 2015

### **Frozen Water lines**

There have been about 30 water service lines frozen this winter. This has kept the Water Department quite busy. Fortunately, there have been no water mains breaks. As we move into the daily freeze thaw cycle season the likelihood of freeze ups unexplainably increases.

### **7 Furnace Street Demo and removal**

The demolition debris has not yet been removed from this site. We are in the process of obtaining permission to landfill it as regular construction and demolition material; meaning there is no asbestos. The building was tested for asbestos prior to the demolition and it was discovered in two areas, the window glazing and the chimney thimble sealant. The owner removed all windows before the building was demolished so we are optimistic permission will be granted. The thimbles will have to be located and landfilled accordingly, which should not be too expensive.

### **Armory Update**

The military operations manager responsible for the building does not have any funds to correct the environmental problems with the building or install a wastewater pump station. Since the building is technically owned by the State, he has referred me to the State Legislature as the source of funds as they determine his budget. Representative Forguites is going to set up a meeting with the appropriate legislative committee.

During the interim, I'm putting together cost estimates for asbestos and PCB removal, plus the construction of a wastewater pump station. I have obtained environmental reports completed during 2014 that qualifies the contamination and it does not appear to be extensive.

### **Quick summary of other things in the works**

1. The long stalled design for the bike/ped path behind the J&L building has been restarted. The Town received a \$43,000 grant to complete the design and \$19,000 has been spent. Work has resumed due to the favorable Environmental Court decision. The design needs to be completed or the Town will have to pay for costs incurred to date. Plus, future Town grant applications will be disadvantaged by not successfully completing this grant.
2. An engineering firm has been chosen for South Street sidewalk design. More details on this after a contract is complete.
3. Downtown Master Plan—a draft master plan has been completed and is under review by the committee.
4. The RSMS for all gravel roads is complete and will be presented at a future Board meeting.
5. SWCRPC has agreed to write a Municipal Planning Grant to fund a master plan study for the Community Center. There is no cost share for these grants.
6. Additional funds have been secured by SWCRPC to repair the area that is eroding adjacent to Meadow Drive and threatening private septic systems.
7. There is a meeting on 3/12 to work toward final plans for the J&L sewer line disconnections that were ordered by the State.