

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

September 11, 2023

The water project along Clinton Street is progressing. However, last week, when digging near 307 Clinton Street, an underground storage tank (UST) was found. This caused what is expected to be a brief pause as the Town and the contractor work to remediate this environmental concern. The project is still expected to be completed by the end of October.

The Town currently has three requests for bids/proposals:

¾ ton 4x4 crew cab pickup truck for the water department. Bids are due September 13th at 10am. This is a planned replacement for the water department.

Salt Shed Scoping Study. Bids are due September 15th at 4pm. The salt shed is in need of repair. Over the past couple of years, the Town has applied for grants to pay a majority of the cost to repair the shed. Last year, we were told that we need to have a scoping study done in order to receive a construction grant. The total cost of the scoping study is \$46,200, with the Town's match being \$9,240.

Demolition of 295 Clinton Street house. Bids are due September 18th at 10am. The Town purchased this property last year in order to have space to upgrade the aging pump station on the site in the next few years.

The demolition of 43 Park Street is on hold. The inspection of the property revealed that asbestos containing material (ACM) is present on the site. The Town is currently working on a remediation plan. Once remediation is complete, the Town will issue a request for proposals for the demolition of the property. Thankfully, this is all grant-funded.

The tax sale was held on September 7th, with a total of 16 properties being sold for taxes. The Town purchased five properties for a total of \$13,034.18. Under State law, the Town can only bid on properties that receive no bids. The current owners of properties have 12 months to redeem the properties by paying the amount of the sale plus 1% per month simple interest. Properties not redeemed will receive tax collector's deeds after the end of the 12 month redemption period.

Lastly, today is September 11th. I'd like a moment of silence to remember and honor those who were lost September 11, 2001. We must never forget. Thank you.