

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

December 27, 2021

The scales have arrived at the Transfer Station and are installed and operational! The Town is making every effort to get the new punch cards out as soon as possible to all locations that sell them. That said, there is going to be a period of transition as there are now three ways to pay for trash:

- New weight-based punch cards
- Old volume-based punch cards
- Old Green Sheet coupons

The new weight-based punch cards are \$7.50. They are good for 10 punches, with each punch paying for 5 pounds of trash, or fraction thereof.

For the transition, I've implemented the following:

Unused volume-based cards can be traded for new weight-based cards either at Town Hall or at the Transfer Station (see Cody) on a 1 volume-based card for 2 weight-based cards. As the volume-based cards were \$15 and the new weight-based cards are \$7.50, this works financially.

Partially used volume-based cards can still be used, but each punch will be good for 8 pounds of trash, or fraction thereof. Each coupon on remaining old Green Sheets is good for 5 pounds of trash, or fraction thereof.

Please be patient with the workers at the Transfer Station as we go through this transition. With a little patience and good humor, we'll get through this together.

I also want to take this time to let the Board know that the previous estimate of \$850,000 to repave the Riverside Parking Lot has been increased to \$950,000. The reason for this increase is that further inspection of the drain system has determined that the system must be

replaced. I'm just getting this updated information out as the Board determines how to proceed with this project.

Congratulations to Wastewater Operator Max Tier. Max will be the first person to graduate from the Vermont Rural Water's Apprenticeship Program. Max had to complete 4000 hours of on-the-job training as well as 288 hours of instruction. Well done Max!

Patrol Officer Anthony Leonard is retiring December 29th after serving the Town of Springfield for 20 years. Thank you Andy for all that you've done for the Town and its citizens. You will be missed!

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Richardson retired last week after 40 years in the Fire Department. The dedication and care with which Scott served our community was his trademark. I'm sure that Scott is looking forward to getting started on that "Honey-do" list that Dee has been working on. I wish Scott a happy retirement. Don't be a stranger.

Fortunately, the Town had two qualified internal candidates within the Fire Department who were considered for the Deputy Fire Chief position. I am very pleased to welcome Paul Stagner as the new Deputy. Paul has served the Town for 15 years, and I look forward to many more years of excellent service.