

## **First Selectman's Report**

### **May 5, 2026**

Over the past several weeks, I have been engaged in a wide range of meetings, regional collaborations, and municipal responsibilities on behalf of the Town.

I met with legal counsel to review the potential advantages and drawbacks of filing a claim under the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act in relation to proposed solar array developments. I also met with fellow First Selectmen from Goshen, Warren, and Litchfield to discuss shared regional concerns and opportunities for collaboration.

In coordination with Senator Harding and the First Selectmen from the other Region 20 towns, I participated in discussions regarding the State of Connecticut Auditors' possible forensic audit of the final three months of operations for the former Region 6 and Litchfield school systems. Additionally, I attended a Board of Finance meeting alongside Superintendent Villar and CFO Julia Cardillo to review financial matters affecting Region 20.

I remained active in local and regional organizations, including participating in Board of Directors meetings for both the Bantam Lake Protective Association and the Morris Land Trust. I also joined a joint meeting between the Bantam Lake Protective Association and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to address key issues impacting Bantam Lake, including the State Boat Launch, lake patrol operations, and watershed management.

Significant progress was made in labor relations, as I participated in several union contract negotiation sessions, culminating in the successful finalization of a new contract covering the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

Regionally, I attended meetings of the Northwest Transit District Board of Directors and served in my role as Treasurer during an Executive Committee meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments. I also fulfilled my responsibilities as Deputy Emergency Management Director by attending the Emergency Management Symposium in Niantic alongside Emergency Management Director David Hardt.

On the infrastructure front, I met with a construction company and an adjacent property owner to review a temporary easement related to the John Weik Road Bridge Project. I am also working with the Northwest Council of Governments and Town Assessor Betsy Quist to transition the Town's mapping and parcel data onto a Geographic Information System (GIS) platform.

I continued regular coordination meetings with Town staff and officials, including the Litchfield Ambulance Chief, Morris Fire Company Chief, Treasurer, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Building Official, Assessor, Tax Collector, Registrars, and members of the public.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

- I will be chairing the Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) meeting on Monday, May 11th. This committee coordinates emergency preparedness, planning, and response efforts across 43 municipalities in northwestern Connecticut, including mutual aid, resource management, and the development of Regional Emergency Support Plans.
- I will be participating in an Emergency Support Function 7 (ESF-7) meeting on Friday, May 8th. This group is responsible for resource management, including coordinating and distributing emergency equipment, personnel, and funding throughout the Region 5 area during times of crisis.
- The Region 6 Pension Committee will meet with the First Selectmen from Warren, Morris, and Goshen, along with representatives from Union Savings Bank and the actuary's office.
- Additional upcoming engagements include the Morris Historical Society meeting, the Town Budget Hearing, and the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Weik  
First Selectman