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## **First Selectman's Monthly Activity Report**

### **Grants & Funding Initiatives**

- Applied for a \$2,000,000 grant through the Interior Community Project Funding Request via Representative Jahana Hayes' office for an alum treatment project at Bantam Lake.
- Collaborated with the Regional Emergency Planning Team to secure \$20,800 for the Region 5 Dive Team. Funds were used to purchase equipment including DUI gloves, neck seals, floating communication cables, two complete gear setups, and a drysuit. All items have been purchased.
- Received an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$3,162.28. Thanks to the hard work by Emergency Management Director David Hardt, Executive Assistant Laurel Gillotti and Treasurer Rick Nicoletti.

### **Meetings & Intergovernmental Coordination**

- Met with Selectmen from Warren and Goshen.
- Participated in the following meetings:
  - Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG)
  - Board of Finance (BOF)
  - Region 5 Emergency Support Function 7
  - REPT (Regional Emergency Planning Team) Co-Chairman
- Participated in ongoing coordination meetings with municipal staff and officials, including:
  - Chief of LVA (weekly)
  - Chief of Morris Fire Company
  - Assessor, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrars
  - Highway Foreman and Transfer Station Foreman
  - Activities Director

### **Legislative & Policy Engagement**

- Met with Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes to discuss proposed legislation and solar array development in Morris.
- As a member of the Council of Small Towns (COST) Board of Directors, participated in a board meeting covering:
  - Solid waste management strategies
  - Legislative updates on education funding, legal notices, housing, and local zoning
  - Review of proposed legislation, including "An Act Prohibiting Certain Land Use and Zoning Limitations on Housing," addressing restrictions on zoning provisions, housing types, and subdivisions
  - Municipal representation on the Siting Council
  - Wake surfing regulations and solar permitting (HB 5036 – Residential Solar Building Permits)

## **Community & Regional Collaboration**

- Engaged with local and regional stakeholders, including the Bantam Lake Watershed Task Force and the Bantam Lake Protective Association.

## **Upcoming Meetings & Initiatives**

- Interlocal Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting to discuss development of a sustainable EMS system.
- Meetings with insurance brokers to explore alternative providers for municipal medical insurance.
- Union negotiations scheduled to begin this month.
- Planned meeting with the Reading Room and Museum Committee of the James Morris Library, including President Jeff Crane and Committee Member Carrie Keppler, to meet with the President of New York Community Trust regarding future funding opportunities.
- 250th Anniversary Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at the Community Hall (open to the public).
- Meeting with Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Villar to discuss the Region 20 budget.
- Community meeting scheduled for 5:00 pm Friday, March 20th at the Community Hall to discuss solar arrays in Morris. The developer, Green Skies, is not expected to attend.