

First Selectman's Monthly Report

Meetings and Administrative Activities

- Met with the First Selectmen of Warren, Goshen, and Litchfield to discuss issues affecting our communities.
- Chaired the Regional Emergency Planning Team meeting on May 11.
- Participated in Board of Finance meetings and the Town Budget Hearing.
- Moderated the Annual Town Meeting.
- Met with the designer for the Transfer Station bathroom project along with Transfer Station Foreman David Hardt.
- Participated in an Interlocal Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting to discuss the future of EMS services in our towns.
- Met with representatives from CIGNA and Anthem regarding the Town's employee medical insurance plans.
- Participated in the Northwest Hills Council of Governments meeting.
- Held meetings with department heads and municipal leaders, including representatives from public safety, emergency management, assessment, tax collection, zoning, wetlands enforcement, building inspection, public health, the Town Clerk's office, and the Treasurer's office.

Region 6 Pension Discussions

Met with the First Selectmen and Region 6 pension trustees from Warren, Morris, and Goshen, along with representatives from Union Savings Bank and pension actuary Matt Sicilia of TPS Group. Discussions focused on the Region 6 Pension Fund and future funding requirements. The three towns agreed to contribute a combined \$300,000 annually for the next three years to strengthen the pension fund. Morris has already set aside its share in the current and upcoming fiscal year budgets through the Capital Non-Recurring account.

Memorial Day Activities

Participated in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. Appreciation is extended to General Charles Jaworski, Chief Rob Ebner and the Morris Fire Company, Executive Assistant Laurel Gillotti, the Morris Highway Department, Kyle Towne and Towne & Aurell, Activities Director Kristen Davilla, the Lakeview Marching Band, and all volunteers and participants who helped make the event a success.

Region 20 Discussions

Met with Region 20 Superintendent Jeffrey Villar and Chief Financial Officer Julia Cardila, along with the First Selectmen from the other Region 20 towns, to review the recent Region 20 audit and discuss the anticipated budget surplus.

Transportation Update

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has informed the Town that the proposed roundabout project for the Town Center has been discontinued. At a special meeting, DOT representatives presented an alternative proposal involving the realignment of Routes 61 and 109. Information from the meeting will be shared with the public.

Morris Post Office Update

On May 21, met with Daniel Clayton, Genevieve Perruccio, and Kylee Dostie from Senator Murphy's office regarding the temporary closure of the Morris Post Office. Since that meeting, the Town has been informed that a realty company working on behalf of the United States Postal Service is actively working with a local property owner regarding a potential site for a new post office location. Additional information may be available by the end of June.

Public Works and Infrastructure

- Worked with the Highway Department to facilitate emergency repairs to electrical wiring at the Town Park. Old conduit and wiring were removed and replaced.
- The Highway Department is currently improving drainage along the western end of Looking Glass Hill Road.
- Fog sealing operations are scheduled for Woodward Road, Farnham Road, Esthers Lane, and East Shore Road.

Upcoming Events and Meetings for First Selectman

- Field Day at Plumb Hill Middle School.
- Special Town Meeting on June 24 to elect a member to the Region 20 Board of Education and to approve a wake surfing ordinance.
- Bantam Lake Protective Association regular meeting on Thursday evening and Annual Meeting on Saturday morning.
- Washington Fire Department 100th Anniversary Parade – Friday evening.
- Morris Fourth of July Celebration featuring a community picnic, live band, and fireworks at Morris Town Beach on July 4.