

First Selectman's Report

Emergency Preparedness

Today, I participated in a statewide tabletop Emergency Preparedness Exercise with 130 other towns and cities from across Connecticut. The exercise provided an opportunity to review emergency response procedures, coordination, communication, and preparedness efforts with municipalities throughout the state.

Bantam Lake Wake Surf Ordinance

The Town and the Bantam Lake Protective Association have received written comments from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding the proposed Wake Surf Ordinance. The comments will be forwarded to the Town Attorney and the Town of Litchfield for review. Following that review, the recommended changes will be incorporated into the ordinance and brought before a future Town Meeting for consideration.

Town Beach Recreational Courts

We are continuing to work on a final cost for the new recreational courts at the Town Beach. The vendor is participating through the CREC Cooperative Purchasing program. CREC provides competitively bid purchasing contracts that allow eligible municipalities and other public entities to take advantage of pre-bid contracts and collective purchasing power. Utilizing this program helps streamline the purchasing process while ensuring compliance with applicable procurement requirements.

Transfer Station

We expect the Transfer Station bathroom project to be put out to bid through a Request for Proposals (RFP) this week.

Roads and Highway Department

The Looking Glass Hill Road work has been completed for this year. The disturbed areas will be patched for the winter, with the road scheduled to be milled and paved next year.

The Highway Department has also been completing drainage repairs on Isaiah Smith Lane and working on fall roadside mowing throughout the Town.

John Weik Road Bridge

We are still anticipating a mid- to late-September start date for the John Weik Road Bridge project. We will continue to monitor the schedule and provide updates as more information becomes available.

Personnel

We recently received two resignations from Town positions. Elizabeth Ebner has resigned from her position at the library, and Stephanie Paletsky has resigned from her position as Assistant to the Activities Director. We thank both Elizabeth and Stephanie for their service to the Town and wish them well in their future endeavors.

East Street Housing

I recently met with the East Street Housing project team, including the contractor's representatives, Jim Simoncelli, Executive Director of the Morris Housing Authority, Ken Hrica, the project engineer, and David Berto, Housing and Development Consultant. We are currently awaiting a start date for Phase 1, which is anticipated to begin this fall.

We will continue to keep the Board and residents informed as these projects move forward and as additional information becomes available.