

First Selectman's Report

April 2, 1019

The Smokey Hollow Bridge Project bid came in under the engineer's estimate at 1,379,704. Black & Warner Construction Company was the low bidder out of the 7 companies that bid on the project. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

The Fire House Renovation bids were accepted and reviewed. The low bidder was Diversity Construction at 125,800. The asbestos abatement work has been completed and the construction will begin soon. The work will be limited to the two bathrooms and the radio room and should be completed by June 1, 2019.

Repair work is continuing at the Town Hall with new ceiling and lighting in the downstairs hallway outside of the bathrooms. The crumbling wall in the Registrar's office has been repaired and the room will be painted in the coming months. The kitchen has received a new ceiling with lighting as well and the walls have been repaired and covered with a washable and fire retardant board. Most of the work that has been done at the Town Hall has been done in house with Sam Wolff from the Highway Department doing an excellent job with the carpentry. All the electrical work has been donated by Tom Weik and we have also utilized local contractors for the other work done at Town Hall.

A draft municipal budget has been submitted to the Board of Finance by the First Selectman and an updated one will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Numbers are still being updated as they become available and the State of Connecticut has not finalized any of the Town Aid amounts.

Voters approved the purchase of the property adjacent to the Town Hall at 12 North St. The closing on the property is expected to take place on Friday, April 5th.

The First Selectman attended meetings with Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance, State DOT, Town insurance carrier- CIRMA, the selectmen from Warren and Goshen along with Superintendent of Schools Chris Leone, and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments. Also met with the Treasurer, Fire Chief, ZEO,

Building Inspector, Torrington Area Health District official, Fire Marshal and Activities Director.

The Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Executive Assistant, ZEO and the First Selectman all attended a Freedom of Information Seminar held at the Brookfield Town Hall sponsored by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

The First Selectman submitted testimony to the legislature opposing Senate Bill 738 regarding forced regionalization and House Bill 6014 regarding the trapping of beavers.