

## **First Selectman's Report**

**May 7, 2019**

A request for proposals has been posted on the Town website for repairing and painting the trim on the exterior of the Community Hall.

The asbestos abatement has been completed in the Fire House and demolition is slated to begin within the next week for the renovation project which will include two handicap accessible bathrooms and a renovated radio room. The cost of the renovation is being covered by a STEAP Grant obtained by the First Selectman.

The ambulance has been put up for sale as per the unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen at their April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. It has been advertised in the Waterbury Republican and will also be advertised in a national publication.

The Smokey Hollow Bridge Project is moving forward with the construction contract being signed with Black & Warner Construction at the preconstruction meeting this Friday. The project should begin in the next month or so. The First Selectman has arranged to have an agreement signed with DOT to secure and utilize the STEAP Grant that was awarded to the Town under Karen Paradis's administration in 2010. This 150,000 grant will help to defer some of the cost of construction of the bridge.

The cost of single stream recycling continues to rise with a 3.00 increase per ton which amounts to a 60.00 per month increase. This increase will be added to the proposed budget at the next Board of Finance meeting.

The Highway Department is continuing their work on grading the gravel roads, cleaning out drainage ditches, replacing catch basins, sweeping the roads and mowing the playing fields. The pipes on Todd Hill Road at the junction of the Town Garage Road, were replaced by Towne and Aurell Construction and the surface will be ready to be paved later this month.

The Region 6 School Budget was voted on at the Budget Meeting held at Wamogo on May 6. The budget passed with a vote of 94-0. 43 voters from Morris came out to vote along with 36 from Goshen and 15 from Warren.

There will be a Retro Run 5K road race to be held at the Morris Town Beach on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Town of Morris Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> with ceremonies at the Morris and Lakeside Cemeteries in the morning. The Veteran's Brunch, which is hosted by the Reading Room Committee and held in the Reading Room at Community Hall at 10:00 followed by the Town Parade and ceremonies in the Memorial Park. After the ceremonies, there will be a Town wide picnic hosted by the Beach and Recreation Commission at the Morris Town Beach.