

## First Selectman's Report

March 4, 2020

Participated in the Northwest Hills Council of Governments Legislative Breakfast where we were able to listen to our local legislators explain what is to be expected in this legislative session and to ask questions regarding their positions on a number of topics.

Met with Bantam Lake Protective Association President Connie Trolle and Biologist Jamie Fisher to discuss the health of Bantam Lake and future treatment ideas.

Participated in the Smokey Hollow Bridge Progress Meetings with DOT officials and Project Engineers. The construction company is continuing with work as weather will allow. The Town of Morris has finally received the 150,000 STEAP Grant that was awarded back in 2011 for the project. This money will be put against the construction costs that the Town has paid out for the project.

Participated in the CIRMA Insurance meeting to discuss cyber security issues and risk control options for the Town. Also, as a member of the Resource Management Committee, we met and discussed the following issues: Make-Safe Protocol, Emergency Management Training for Local Officials, Public Works Advisory Committee, Black-Sky Preparedness and Cyber Security Training for local officials.

Attended and participated in a "Jambs" meeting with the Litchfield First Selectman, Litchfield Director of Public Works, Project Engineers and State DEEP officials to discuss how to move forward with the dam replacement on the Bantam River. All are in agreement to keep the cost of the project within the monies currently on hand.

Met with Town employees and Website Host to discuss upcoming changes for the Town website which include improving ease of access and expanded options for the site.

Participated in the Northwest Hills Council of Governments monthly meeting where we discussed future tipping fees and other costs for municipal solid waste and recycling. We received an update from NW CT Community College President Dr. Michael Rooke on the UPass Program. Jocelyn Ayer of the NW COG provided an update on the Community and Economic Development focusing on new housing resources.

Participated in the Council of Small Towns Annual Town Meeting where we listened to and asked questions of several notable speakers including CT Attorney General William Tong, Keith Phaneuf of the CT Mirror, Joseph Giuliatti, Commissioner of CT DOT, and Governor Ned Lamont along with several Connecticut Senators and Representatives.