

## First Selectman's Report

12/20/19

The First Selectman met with the Planning and Zoning Commission and with representatives from SHR Energy to discuss the possibility of installing a solar array at the Transfer Station. At the meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission approved an 8-24 Referral, which is a required step in the process at which the Commission recognizes the project is in keeping with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. The next step in the process will be a public hearing and then a vote by the Board of Selectmen. After the approval by the Board of Selectmen, there will be a need for the approval of the Board of Finance and then a Town Meeting. The project would once again come before the Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands for final land use approvals. The Solar Array would be installed in the open area just to the east of the Transfer Station on Town property.

Participated in several meetings for the Smokey Hollow Bridge Project with the project engineers, representatives from the project construction company and DOT representatives. As noted previously, there has been a slight delay in the delivery of the steel beams. Now there will be an added delay due to the holidays. This should not impact the completion date of the project in April of 2020. They are expecting to have the beams set in place in early January, 2020.

Participated in the Northwest Hills Council of Governments monthly meeting where we welcomed new First Selectmen from Litchfield, Washington, Warren and Kent. We were given an overview of the Health Enhancement Community Initiative and Paramedic Intercept Service Expansion with Brian Mattiello and John Capobianco from Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. We had an update on the Regional Food Hub and Farm to School Project. Tom Weik was appointed to be the representative to the Region 5 Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Steering Committee.

Participated in a meeting with Warren First Selectman, Tim Angevine, Goshen First Selectman, Bob Valentine and Region 6 School Superintendent Chris Leone to discuss the Towns future contributions to the Region 6 budget and the upcoming health insurance collaboration quote.

Met with Litchfield First Selectman Denise Raap, Litchfield Public Works Director Raz Alexe, and Matt Blasavage from Litchfield to discuss the Jambs Project on the Bantam River in Litchfield. The current Jambs, as they are called, are actually two small dams located on the outlet of Bantam Lake. The dams are adjusted during the spring and summer months to help control the level of the lake. The Towns of Litchfield and Morris are working together on a project to install a new dam just up river from the current dams. Once the permitting is complete, the project can go out to bid with construction beginning in 2020 or 2021.

Participated in the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security 2019 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative exercise at the Litchfield County Regional Fire School where we worked on exercises to demonstrate how we would respond to and recover from simulated, coordinated cyber and physical security threats and incidents while strengthening crisis communications relationships.

Holiday Baskets were distributed to individuals and families in our community. This was all possible due to the generosity of so many of our Townspeople and businesses including i2systems on Bantam Lake Road in Morris. Thank you to Executive Assistant Laurel Gillotti for organizing everything.

Upcoming:

Free Community Dinner at the Morris Community Hall on December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00 PM. All are invited. Please RSVP at 860-567-7430 or email at [1stselectman@townofmorrisct.com](mailto:1stselectman@townofmorrisct.com).