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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Halloween Events

Chief Carbone and I have been working diligently with other departments and the business community to organize a number of events on Halloween focused around the Barre common. Currently, the list of events include:

- Trunk or Treat hosted by the Business Community of Barre
- Story Walk around North Park hosted by the Woods Memorial Library
- Pumpkin Carving Contest coordinated by the Police Department and TA Office
- Halloween Parade hosted by the Ruggles School PTO (Still working to coordinate effort)

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday October 4th at 6PM in the selectboard meeting room to coordinate the efforts of all involved. If you would like to be involved in coordinating these efforts or know anyone who would like to help, please feel free to join us at this meeting.

Meeting with Quabbin Regional School

On Monday, September 25th I met with Dr. Maureen Marshall to discuss some ways that our entities can work closer together for the benefit of the community. One proposal that I had proposed was to look into shifting our regional assessment from a one year enrollment assessment to a three year average. By shifting to this model, the town can protect itself from dramatic fluctuations in enrollment from one year to another and allow us to more accurately forecast our annual assessments. We also had preliminary discussions regarding coordinating mutual efforts around technology and facilities management. I look forward to continuing the dialog with the schools around these proposals.

North Common Flag Pole

On Monday, September 18th, a new flagpole was installed on the North Common by the Barre DPW. If you get a chance, stop by and take a look. The DPW did a tremendous job installing the new flagpole on an abnormally warm day.

Fire Department Community Outreach

The Barre Fire Department will be conducting fire education for grades K-2 on October 13th. This will be the first time since the budget cuts of 2008 that the department will be teaching fire education. The department will be having a contest where each student that brings in a home fire escape plan will be entered into a contest where they will have an opportunity to win a ride to school in a fire truck. Our hope is that this would be a big hit with the kids and a great way to get them to talk about fire safety with their parents.

Public Safety Building Update

The contract has been signed with Charter for the fiber service, we are awaiting scheduling from the construction team. I will update the Board when a date has been obtained.

Fire Department Job Descriptions

This is still an open process. Time constraints have not allowed us to meet on this item since our last discussion.

Council on Aging Director

Loraine Leno has started as the Council on Aging Director. She has been a great asset to the department and the community in her short time on the job.

The posting for the permanent Council on Aging Director was posted internally on September 25th with a due date of October 10th. If no internal candidates are received by that time, the job will be posted externally.

Procurement Training

On September 26th, 27th & 28th I attended Massachusetts Certified Procurement Official training in Boston focused on procurement of supplies and services under MGL Chapter 30B. October 3rd, 4th & 5th I will be attending the training focused on construction governed under MGL Chapter 149. Following this training and passage of the exam I will be eligible to apply to be an certified Associate MCPPO. After 2 years of experience in a leadership position I will be eligible for full MCPPO designation.

Vacancies

The following positions have been posted:

- Fire Department – Fire Inspector
- WWTF - Assistant Wastewater Operator
- Finance Committee - Member

A copy of each job posting and job description is available at the Town Administrator's Office.