

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

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Please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council and community.

### **1. Council Business:**

- Possible Peddling Ordinance Change – With the Council's feedback, I am drafting an ordinance revision to run past the Town Attorney for approval. Afterwards, it can be brought to the Council for consideration and follow the process to adopt an ordinance.

### **2. River COG**

The River COG met on October 25, 2023. Highlights of the meeting of interest to Clinton included:

- America 250 – A presentation was made regarding the State's America 250 planning. Aside from encouraging towns to have their own committees, the potential for grant funding was also described. It is anticipated that grants may be available in 2024 to support event planning and 2025 for implementation grants. The source of funds and amounts are unclear at this point.
- HUD Housing Grant – The COG will be applying to HUD for a grant that will aid the region in planning for affordable housing by helping towns identify possible locations. The scope of the grant is meant to build off of the regional (and local) affordable housing plan.
- Legislative Agenda – The COG is planning its legislative agenda and a meeting to discuss regional legislative issues with representatives and senators from the region. Since the upcoming session is the short session, all of the bills will need to be "committee bills" which means action by individual legislators need to work through the different State legislative committees to be raised. Early engagement could help the region position issues and topics in committee bills.

### **3. CCM Legislative Committee**

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Committee will meet again toward the end of November.

### **4. Miscellaneous:**

- Town Hall Charging Station – The replacement charging station at Town Hall has been installed. The configuration of the system and payment processing are being worked on. The new station was partially funded by ARPA and a grant from Eversource. The last unit was half off-line, so this provides an improvement to service. There will also be a charge to use the charger.

- Library Interior Design RFP – The Request for Proposals seeking architects that could assist in interior planning and design studies of the library is completed. It will be out for 4 weeks for architect responses. Given the timing of the holidays and reviews of RFP responses, I would guess that this would come to the Council for a decision in December. I am uncertain if the Council plans to appoint a building committee or similar group at this point.
- Union Contract Negotiations – Negotiations remain on-going with the Police Union as the last union contract to be settled.
- Hiring – Human Resource issues continue to dominate a lot of my time in an effort to fill vacancies. It is likely to remain an on-going concern to find and evaluate candidates to fill our available vacancies.