

## 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:**

- a) FY21-22 Budget: As noted previously, the budget referendum will be an in-person vote as it was in prior years. The Governor's recent Executive Order does allow for the expanded use of absentee ballots to vote in local budget decisions up to May 20. We also have permission to use the State ballot box that was provided as part of the November election process. Originally, we were being told that the box could not be used for any local-only elections.

**2. CCM:**

CCM will hold its next Legislative Committee meeting on May 11, 2021.

**3. River COG:**

The Council of Governments met on April 28, 2021. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Regional Use of Federal Stimulus Funds – As a continuation to the last meeting, the COG briefly discussed the possibility to towns setting aside a portion of the American Rescue Plan funding to support a regional project. Guidance from the Treasury Department is still pending which would help clarify concepts further. Nevertheless, a regional approach to tourism or arts promotion could be a project that could accomplish more than individual municipal efforts. Regional economic development support was also discussed.
- Regional Plan of Conservation and Development – I know that Clinton did have some attendees to the most recent meeting on the Regional POCD. A public hearing on the plan will be held on June 30, 2021 and registration can be made through this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkceuvqzopHN1\\_WUQ6yrNOWUeJllyW7ODA](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkceuvqzopHN1_WUQ6yrNOWUeJllyW7ODA)

The draft plan is also available on the River COG website. It is anticipated that the Plan would be voted on by the entire COG during its September meeting.

- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – Feedback has been received by FEMA for the region's plan. Some minor edits and back-up information was required. In the exit conference, FEMA staff wanted to see the future orientation of the plan to be focused on mitigation of disaster risk instead of emergency management. Ultimately, the Clinton Annex to the plan will have to be adopted by the Town Council when it is ready.

- Municipal Solid Waste – A brief discussion was held regarding the direction of municipal solid waste and the lack of state policy/direction on the matter. Most of the policy orientation seems to be on recycling concepts but leaves unaddressed management of the remaining waste stream.