

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: August 4, 2021

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

1. Council Business:

- Blight Subcommittee – The Blight Subcommittee is continuing their work. Additional language was reviewed and discussed. A draft has been given to the Town Attorney for review and comment before bringing a final draft to the full Council.

2. CCM:

CCM does not have a Legislative Committee meeting scheduled during the summer months while the General Assembly is out of session. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is in September.

3. River COG:

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

- Federal Delegation Report – Staff from Rep. Courtney, Sen. Murphy and Sen. Blumenthal were in attendance to give updates on the American Recovery Plan Act as the Treasury Department is in the process of finalizing the rules for these federal funds. An update was also provided on federal infrastructure funding.
- Transit District Merger – A report was given to the full COG membership regarding efforts to combine Middletown Area Transit into 9 Town Transit which implements a transit study and was supported by the DOT. The merger continues to move forward while issues are resolved with the DOT (which is covered more fully below in the 9 Town Transit report).
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – All towns that participated in the NHMP process have local approvals in place for their individual annexes. The COG took the final act to approve the whole plan which was the final step in the process.
- ARPA Set Aside – The COG voted to send a letter to each town asking for a set aside of their American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) which could be used for a regional project. At this point, no firm commitment is being sought. The request at present is for level of interest. A committee of COG CEOs would work on defining the regional projects or which regional resources could be leveraged to assist participating towns in managing their federal funds or in the distribution of funds. I will discuss this further at the requested workshop on this program and possible uses of funds in Clinton.

4. 9 Town Transit:

The Board of 9 Town Transit held a special meeting on July 22, 2021. The primary point of business was to keep the process moving forward that would combine Middletown Area Transit with 9 Town, and secure additional DOT funding to implement recommendations from a transit study to support the merger and improve services.

The intent to combine the districts remains unchanged. The legal instruments by which that happens are now different. The Town districts will sign a Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the acts of both to effectuate the merger. The DOT will not be a signatory to that MOA. Rather their participation is described in a letter of intent which described the DOT's intention to provide funding for different elements of the merger.

Aside from the legal instruments that make the merger happen and DOT funding, additional work will be on-going to merger the staff of the two organizations (one is unionized, the other is not), personnel policies and governance will have to be resolved, and a union contract needs to be negotiated. This is the first transit merger in the state, so there is no playbook to follow.

5. Miscellaneous:

- CIRMA Member Equity Distribution – Previously I reported that the Town's Workers Compensation insurance carrier (CIRMA) declared that they would make a "member equity distribution" to pay some of that surplus back to member towns. The payment was received at the end of July bringing in \$35,936. The letter which accompanied this year's payment is attached for the Council's reference.
- Storm Water Corps – In earlier reports, I noted that Clinton was selected to participate in the UConn Storm Water Corps program. The point of the program is to assist in storm water management through low impact development. The final presentation by the students involved in the program was on August 2. The Town will need to pick a location and treatment to move forward into implementation with grant funding the program already secured.



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July 5, 2021

Mr. Karl Kilduff
Town Manager
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Re: Congratulations on Your Members' Equity Distribution

Dear Mr. Kilduff:

CIRMA's Members' Equity Distribution program continues to affirm our deliberate and disciplined approach to creating member value and substantiates our long-term financial strength. Over the past year, we further distinguished our many competitive advantages, disproving a common assumption that one insurer is as good as another.

The strength of our balance sheet is undeniable. CIRMA's combined ratio results, a metric commonly used to measure operational and financial health, markedly outperformed the industry over the last five years. These results directly affect our ability to distribute equity back to our members.

CIRMA is the only carrier that returns equity back to its members—not shareholders. **As a testament to our commitment to you, we are pleased to present your Members' Equity Distribution check for \$35,936.**

We are incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish together, despite the significant disruption in the financial markets and the economic uncertainty experienced over the past year. CIRMA's operational and financial management discipline continues to yield significant competitive advantages across our membership. Moreover, by continuing to adhere to the principles that have been at the core of our success, we have great confidence in the future ahead.

Thank you for your valued partnership. If you have any questions regarding this distribution, please contact your CIRMA Underwriter at 203-946-3700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Demchak".

David Demchak
President and Chief Executive Officer
CIRMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew S. Knickerbocker".

Matthew S. Knickerbocker
Chairman, CIRMA Board of Directors
First Selectman, Town of Bethel

cc: Ms. Sue Cunningham

