

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: September 15, 2021

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

1. Council Business:

- ARPA Funding – As a follow-up to our second workshop, I am collecting additional information on the additional potential project that were flagged by the Council and identifying costs. Once I have more information, I will send out an updated plan that reflects the identified projects thus far for presentation at a to-be-determined public hearing.
- Financial Forecast – In anticipation of the Council's workshop to set goals for the upcoming budget, I am in the process of updating the Financial Forecast I have the Council in November of 2020 to help frame the discussion.

2. CCM:

The Legislative Committee of CCM met on September 9, 2021. The highlights of the meeting included:

- Presentation from the Green Bank regarding their existing programs and services. It was also noted that they are building out their new charge to finance resiliency programs and working with stakeholders. At this point, there is no clarity as to how infrastructure of resiliency would be financed through the Green Bank. Building off of the conversation, CCM plans to offer a training session in the fall on structuring a local stormwater authority (which could be part of the process with the Green Bank).
- Approval was given to the process to adopt CCM's legislative program in advance of the February session of the General Assembly. Committee reports will be heard over the next months as the policy development process continues.
- Other legislative items were discussed including; State reimbursement funding for school HVAC replacements, a pending vote from the General Assembly on the ARPA Plan for the State (or approval of the Governor's plan), and the process used by UConn for land acquisition.

3. River COG:

The Council of Governments will meet again on September 22, 2021.

4. 9 Town Transit:

The Board of 9 Town Transit will meet again on September 17, 2021.

5. Miscellaneous:

- Regional Housing Plan – As reported previously, the Regional Housing Plan to be prepared by River COG is getting underway. We continue to promote the availability of a COG survey for residents to offer their input on housing issues. Additional meetings will take place in the data collection process as the consultant team performs their work in advance of public meetings.
- Pierson – I have a quote from the Town's consulting engineer to perform a structural engineering study on the Pierson school to evaluate the building's capacity to have the existing interior walls removed to allow for changes in floor plan beyond the current classroom configuration. The cost for the study is \$12,000, not including any reimbursables. To move forward, I would need direction from the Council and a transfer from Contingency to fund the report.
- Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant – I am trying to work with Peggy Adler on the grant application that was endorsed at the last Council meeting to apply to the State for federal funds that would help prepare an application to designate the Commerce Street/Leffingwell Road area a federal historic district. The process is on-going. I will keep the Council updated as the application continues to be developed.
- Online Permitting System Implementation – With the selection of a vendor, the online permitting system anticipated for Building and Land Use is getting underway. The initial kick-off meetings are being planned as well as the approach to implementation.