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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Update
DT: March 17, 2015

Dear Board,

Please see the following update through March 16.

Memorial Building Repairs: As the Board is aware, bids for the two repair projects at Town Hall were publicly opened on March 2. On March 3, the additional funds needed to award the contract for repair of the exterior stairway were approved by Special Town Meeting and I have instructed the architect to initiate the contract documents and scheduling of this work as soon as weather allows.

The budget for the cupola repairs requires an additional \$17,000 to initiate the work. I have a request pending to the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee for a reserve fund transfer so that this project can be initiated as soon as possible.

The low bidder for both projects was Build Max, Inc., of Dudley. I believe the Town may have benefitted from having a single firm undertake both projects as it may have reduced their mobilization costs and it will allow both projects to proceed without impeding each other. I will advise all parties in advance of construction beginning. My March 2 memorandum with the project budgets is attached for reference.

Municipal Electricity Cost and Solar Project Update: The Hampshire Council of Governments has been invited to present their municipal aggregation program for purchasing electric supply at your meeting on April 21. This program is not for the Town’s municipal accounts, rather, it provides an option for bulk purchasing power for Athol residents and businesses. Town Department Heads, the directors of the North Quabbin Community Coalition and North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce joined informational session.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Met with private developer regarding various opportunities in Athol; met w/ Finance Team.
- Finalized tentative agreements with all four general government unions (Executive Session item).
- Interviewed finalist candidate for Deputy Fire Chief (the Fire Chief makes this appointment).

W/E	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	TOTAL
3/13/15	2.0		8.5	9.0	10.5	8.0		38.0
			4.0-SICK					42.0