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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report
DT: April 5, 2016

Dear Board:

The past two weeks have been extremely busy as we worked to develop a budget that is responsible and sustainable. The FY17 budget will be presented tonight and back-up documents are in your packets. In addition, please see the following update for your meeting tonight.

South Athol Road Demolition: Building Commissioner Brianna Skowyra obtained MassDEP approval to continue the asbestos abatement plan for 2275 South Athol Road. Accordingly, Mallet Excavating, of Athol, will begin the abatement and then demolition and site clearance process under their \$26,040 contract. I anticipate the work to be complete within 60 days. Town Counsel will file a lien for the final cost of work against the property which appears to be headed towards a tax title status.

Highland and Grove Street Infrastructure: The contract for the extension of infrastructure work in the Grove and Highland street area has been awarded to GEG Construction, Inc. of Springfield, in the amount of \$328,977. The project engineer checked references and this project is being funded through a mix of Community Development Block Grant and Ch. 90 funds.

Alternate Building Inspector: Bob Legare, of Petersham, has been appointed as the Alternate Building Inspector for the town of Athol. Mr. Legare has previous experience as a local building inspector and was recently hired as the full-time building inspector in Orange. Athol and Orange have had a reciprocating agreement for alternate services for the nominal fee of \$500 per year.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Continued contract negotiations with four unions.
 - Met with Finance Team on several occasions to close budget items.
 - Attended Franklin County Selectboard Association meeting with EOHED Secretary as keynote speaker.
 - Participated in "ribbon cutting" for North Quabbin Chamber & Visitor's Center.
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