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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Update
DT: April 7, 2015

Dear Board,

Please see the following update through April 7.

Appointment of Police Officers: New police officers Corey Chauvette and Donald Hager were sworn in by the Town Clerk earlier tonight. These officers will begin work immediately and will be a harbinger of change as the Police Department prepares for the retirement of three sergeants and potential transfer of other officers in the coming year.

Mr. Chauvette was a part-time public safety dispatcher in Gardner, and a call firefighter in Athol, while Mr. Hager – a part-time police officer in Barre and part-time dispatcher in Athol – is the fourth generation of his family to serve on the police force.

Memorial Building Repairs: Contract documents have been initiated and the Town is only awaiting a certificate of liability insurance from the contractor before authorizing a Notice to Proceed. I anticipate work to begin before the month ends. The FWAC did authorize \$17,000 to fund the cupola project which will initiate as soon as the stairs are complete.

Miscellaneous Items: The great majority of my time has been spent on collective bargaining and budget matters over the past couple of weeks. Some other items include:

- Attended ARRSO strategic plan finance sub-committee meetings
- Participated in several economic development meetings; internal and external
- Met with residents of Templeton Road and DPW and water staff to discuss pressure issues (recommendation forthcoming at April 21 meeting)
- Met with Capital Planning Committee and attended MART Advisory Board meeting (note: MART bus service now extends to Market Basket)
- Held several Finance Team meetings surrounding revenue and expense projections
- Met with Insurance Advisory Committee regarding health insurance plans and costs

W/E	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	TOTAL
4/3/15		2.0	9.0	12.0	11.5	9.5		44.0