TOWN OF ATHOL



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## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
- FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
- RE: Town Manager's Report
- DT: November 1, 2016

Dear Board: Please see the following report for your meeting tonight:

## **Disposition of Former Elementary Schools:** Quick update on the schools:

**Sanders Street School:** A high bid of \$39,100 was received through Municibid and the matter has been referred to Town Counsel for closing. As of today no funds have been received although the purchaser did respond to an initial email.

**Pleasant Street School:** Further to the Board's direction in August, this project has been delegated to Eric Smith, Director of Planning and Development. You have a correspondence from him in your packets tonight to initiate the reuse/disposition planning committee.

**Ellen Bigelow and Riverbend:** The Request For Proposals (RFP) was finalized and reviewed by Town Counsel and the Planning Director. The document's availability was advertised in the *Central Register* on October 26 with a deadline for receipt of proposals on December 7.

## Miscellaneous Items:

- Held Finance Team meeting and initial discussion with chair and members of Insurance Advisory Committee
- Attended economic development forum sponsored by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development at the DCU Center in Worcester
- Participated in planning session organized by Fire Chief/EMD John Duguay to establish a Local Emergency Planning Committee (seeking a BOS designee)
- Chaired Montachusett Regional Brownfields Committee meeting (projects approved in Fitchburg, Harvard and Winchendon)
- · Toured L.S. Starrett Co. with Director of Planning and Development
- Met with DPW Supt. and Water Division Foreman regarding capital planning and five-year budget and rate projections.