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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report
DT: November 21, 2017

Dear Board: Please see the following update for tonight's meeting.

All Boards Meeting: The school district has proposed holding the annual "all boards" meeting with Athol and Royalston finance and select boards on either Tuesday, January 23 or Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Does the Board wish to express a preference to the school district?

Special Legislation Request: A copy of my letter to our state legislative delegation requesting special legislation be filed to remove part-time police officers in Athol from Civil Service has been included in your packets per Town Meeting authorization and the Board's voted directive.

Recreational Marijuana Working Group: The planning board hosted a public forum on November 16 and the working group has its next meeting scheduled for November 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Town Hall. The working group will be advisory to the planning board and thus it will be subject to the Open Meeting Law. The formal designees/appointees are Gary Deyo (FWAC), Stephen Raymond (BOS), Duane Truehart and Aimee Hanson (BPCD) and Joan Hamlett (BOH) with staff providing assistance.

Central Dispatch Update: Enclosed in your packets is a copy of my correspondence to the State 911 Department Executive Director advising of the Town's satisfaction of centralizing dispatch functions effective on October 26 which fulfills the Town's requirements under our letter agreement with State 911. Also, I have reached agreement with the dispatch union on the shift alignment so that the Town can fill the additional full-time dispatch position. In essence, whenever possible the Town will seek to have two dispatchers working the 7am to 3pm and 3pm and 11pm shifts.

Miscellaneous:

- Held Department Head and Development Team meetings (presentation from Code Red)
 - Attended STAM training regarding recreational marijuana statutes and potential regulations
 - Met with plastic bag bylaw originators and town staff regarding education and enforcement
 - Participated in Housing Task Force and Route 2 Task Force meetings
 - Toured water and wastewater facilities with staff and the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee
 - Participated in interviews with semi-finalist candidates for Assistant BOH Agent
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