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MEMORANDUM

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

Dear Board: Please see the following report for your meeting on February 21:

Athol Wastewater Treatment Plan EPA Award: Kudos to former WWTP manager Rob Roy, and current manager Rob Sexton, for operating an extremely efficient and environmentally conscious treatment process that was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at an awards ceremony in Boston.

I was pleased to join Doug Walsh, Andy Tessier and Msrs. Roy and Sexton for the January 26 event at which Athol was awarded a *2016 Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award*; one of only six such awards in all of New England.



The staff will be the first to tell you that their success stems from having a very collaborative team between water, wastewater, highway and the cemetery and parks staff at the DPW.

Congratulations!

Grove Street and Main Street Extension: Based upon review of bids received for the Grove Street and Main Street Extension infrastructure project, together with the recommendations of Weston & Sampson engineers, DPW Supt. Doug Walsh and CDBG consultant Linda Overring, I have signed the notice of award to Borges Construction, of Ludlow, in the amount of \$297,137.00.



	Borges Construction Ludlow, MA	Jack Goncalves and Sons Construction Ludlow, MA	Ludlow Construction, Inc. Ludlow, MA
Base Bid	\$295,137.00	\$312,257.05 *	\$314,914.50

*Math error on Bid Form

This project is funded entirely through the FY16 Community Development Block Grant and will bring the Grove and Highland streets neighborhood improvements down to the Upper Common area.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Participated in joint meeting with EOHEd Secretary and Undersecretary, MassDevelopment’s executive VP and the Orange town administrator regarding ongoing projects
- Held various collective bargaining sessions
- Participated in Special Town Meeting
- Met with planning director and EDIC chairman and member concerning local initiatives
- Attended Montachusett Regional Planning Commission meeting
- Participated in safety committee meeting at Athol Hospital with Chiefs Kleber and Duguay
- Held Department Head and several Finance Team meetings
- Held informational meeting with vendor from MMA conference and heads of DPW, police and fire departments to discuss potential conversion of streetlights to LED
- Attended Board of Assessors meeting (**note: need to recruit third member to BOA**)
- Discussed Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional permitting program (FRCOG will conduct assessment of potential Athol/Orange collaboration regarding building inspection to bring back before the BOS if deemed worthy of consideration)
- Attended housing task force staff meeting