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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report
DT: February 4, 2020

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

Grant Award: \$24,500 towards demolition of 1128

Main Street: I am pleased to announce that Athol has been awarded \$24,500 from the Strategic Demolition Fund administered by Attorney General Maura Healey's office towards the demolition and site clearance at 1128 Main Street. Combined with the \$2,500 grant awarded by National Grid, I am pleased to have secured over 50 percent of the estimated \$54,000 total project cost from external competitive resources to eliminate this long-standing blight from Main Street.



1128 Main Street

A contract in the amount of \$31,975 plus \$3,025 per day for a large excavator and operator post-demolition has been awarded to S&R Corporation, of Lowell, to complete demolition, site clearance and grading. The bonds, insurance and contract documents have been finalized by all parties and the work will be scheduled within the next 90 days by mutual agreement of the parties. There will be temporary traffic details and disruptions which will be broadcast in advance of the project.

Miscellaneous

- Participated in "all boards" meeting with regional school district and Athol and Royalston local officials.
 - Attended Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust rate meeting (no change in premiums for FY21).
 - Held initial Finance Team meeting with new Treasurer/Collector Patrick McIntyre (to be introduced at the beginning of your meeting tonight).
 - Met with owner of Tool Town Pizza to discuss impacts of bridge closure and forward planning.
 - Attended regional housing forum in Orange with diverse constituencies represented.
 - Participated in well-attended afternoon session of Municipal Vulnerability and Hazard Mitigation Plan sponsored by Eric Smith and the Athol Dept. of Planning and Development with BSC Group as facilitators.
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