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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
- FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
- RE: Town Manager's Report
- DT: February 6, 2018

Dear Board:

The past two weeks have been spent in meetings with finance staff and also working on the special town meeting warrant being discussed tonight. Following are other highlights of work from the past couple of weeks. Please feel free to ask questions about any.

Miscellaneous:

- · Attended Mass. Municipal Association conference on January 19 and 20
- Met with Army Corps of Engineers at Birch Hill Dam with police and fire officials
- · Attended "all boards" meeting at Athol-Royalston Middle School
- Met with Athol EDIC chairman and Director of Planning and Development to ensure alignment of goals and tasks
- Participated in telephone conference with EOHED Secretary Jay Ash and outgoing
 Undersecretary Chrystal Kornegay to discuss economic development agenda including:
 - South Athol Road / Bidwell site
 - Union Twist Mill
 - Exit 18 (potential hotel site)
 - o Downtown Redevelopment / Lord Pond Plaza area
- Met with Capital Planning Committee chairman regarding town and school projects
- Attended adult-use marijuana forum with Officer Peter Buck including input from KP Law, Cannabis Control Commissioner Kay Doyle, Grafton Town Planner Joseph Laydon and CMRPC planner Jeff Bagg; held brief discussion with Commissioner Jen Flanagan.
- · Participated in STM warrant review meeting
- Conducted scoping session for economic development planning (see above listed priorities) with Doug Walsh and BSC Group (state grant)