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Board of Selectmen

Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street

Regular Meeting Notice Agenda - Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 PM- Executive Session- MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) #3- Litigation Strategy, #6 Consideration of Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property

7:00 PM- Regular Meeting

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Join online: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7846041861 (the online option will require a download).

Meeting ID: 784 604 1861

Passcode: 01082 Phone: 929-205-6099

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair

Consent Agenda

Approval of April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Scheduled Appearances

- 7:10 PM- Public Hearing: National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition #30365815 (Coffey Hill Road, Sherman Hill Road, Sczygiel Road, Webster Road)
- Approval of DPW Director Appointment: Geoff McAlmond
- Discussion on Quaboag Connector with Transportation Operations Supervisor Michael Dambrosio

Old Business

- "Update on Quarry Street Flood Mitigation
- Discussion on Allocation of ARPA Funds
- Update on Whistleblower Hotline
- Update on East Street Underpass
- Kiosk Update for Rail Trail
- Update on Granby Finance Committee, School Regionalization
- Discussion on Board/Committee Members' Salaries
- Discussion on Solar PILOT versus Real Value of Equipment

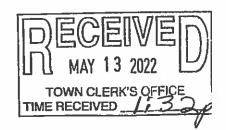
New Business

- Approval of Appointment of Alice Atkinson-Bonasio to Historical Commission
- Approval of Appointment of Ana Burgos to Housing Authority
- Review of Underride Process
- Request for Replacement of Town Hall Flagpole and Flag
- Drone Donation and Training for All Relevant Departments
- ADA Concerns Regarding Poles in Sidewalks
- New Large Retail Chain Store Considerations
- Request for Water/Sewer Bill Abatement
- Consideration of Lower Quorum for May 23 Town Meeting

Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Town Manager Report

Adjournment



Board of Selectmen

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Present: Selectman Joshua A. Kusnierz, Selectman Thomas H. Barnes, Chairman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Caitlin M. McCarthy, Vice-Chairman John J. Morrin, Town Manager Stuart B. Beckley, Executive Assistant Christopher J. Nolan, Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon, Human Resource Director Justine Caggiano, Antonio Porter, Carol Zins, Shelly Lane, Alex Bergeron

Absent: None

Present via Zoom: Stanley Ciukaj from Ware Community Television, Paula Ouimette from Ware River News, Planning & Community Development Director Rob Watchilla

Meeting Opened by Chairman Kruckas at 7:00 PM.

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair

Chairman Kruckas welcomed Selectman Kusnierz to the Board.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of One-Day Liquor License: Workshop 13- Friday, May 6, 2022, 7:00-10:00PM
- Special Event Permit Application: Ware Business and Civic Association and Ware Lions Club present the Spring Shop Hop and Pancake Breakfast, 9:00AM-2:00PM, Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ Veterans Park and Downtown Shopping District
- Special Event Permit Application: Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House, Inc. present the Town-Wide Tag, 8:30AM-3:30PM, Saturday, June 11, 2022 throughout the Town
- Selectman Barnes requested that the Board table the approval of the April 5th Minutes, stating that there were errors.

Selectman Morrin made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the April 5th

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Minutes. Selectman Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Ms. Zins briefly spoke on behalf of the Spring Shop Hop and Pancake Breakfast. The Quaboag Connector would be partnering with the event to provide transportation between shops, and the pancake breakfast would be held outdoors at Veterans Park. In the event of rain, the breakfast will be inside at Hanna Devine's.

Selectman McCarthy thanked Ms. Zins and all others involved for their work with planning the event.

Scheduled Appearances

- Recognition of Service and Celebration of Retirement for Officer Lu-Ann Czapla
 - O Chairman Kruckas thanked Officer Czapla for her years of service and dedication to the Ware Police Department. She had a conflict with the planned ceremony scheduled for this meeting, but would be awarded with her plaque and recognized at a future time when she is available.

Old Business-none

New Business

- Re-organization of Board of Selectmen following Town Election
 - Chairman Kruckas stated that before the reorganization took place, he wanted to remind other members that the Chair position is very demanding of both time and effort.

Selectman Morrin made the motion to nominate Thomas Barnes as Vice-Chairman. The motion was not seconded, and thus failed.

Selectman Kruckas made the motion to nominate Caitlin McCarthy as Vice-Chairman. Selectman Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

 Chairman Kruckas emphasized that the Board's vote on the matter of re-organization was not a reflection of any individual's character or capability, but strictly the Board's projection of what was best for the Town.

Selectman Barnes made the motion to nominate John Morrin as Chairman. Selectman Kruckas seconded the motion, noting that health and family-related issues compelled him to step down from this role. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes (Selectman Barnes, Selectman Kruckas, Selectman Morrin), 2 No (Selectman McCarthy, Selectman Kusnierz).

Selectman Kusnierz asked Selectman Barnes if he wished to continue serving as Clerk. Selectman McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- Approval of WestComm Memorandum of Agreement and District Agreement
 - o Mr. Beckley apologized for anyone who was confused after reading a recent MassLive article which falsely stated that Ware had not yet joined the WestComm agreement. He added that while Ware had already joined the memorandum, their approval tonight would allow the operation to move forward with a new District Agreement.

Selectman Barnes made the motion to approve the WestComm Memorandum of Agreement and District Agreement. Selectman Kruckas seconded the motion for discussion. Selectman Morrin stated that since the Town would be paying WestComm by call volume, it should make a point to advertise the non-emergency phone number for the Police Department instead of 911. Mr. Beckley noted that the Town would actually be

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paying WestComm for Police Department call volume on both 911 and the non-emergency line, despite the fact that only the Town's 911 calls were currently being dispatched by the regional facility. Chief Crevier noted that the option was available for the Town to transfer the non-emergency Police phone line to WestComm as well, but there are currently no plans for this. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

• Request for Retiree Town Insurance

o Mr. Beckley stated that he had not yet received legal clarification from the Town Attorney on this matter, and suggested the Board table the discussion to the next meeting.

Selectman McCarthy made the motion to table the discussion on Retiree Town Insurance to the May 3rd Board meeting. Selectman Morrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

• HR Director- Goal Setting and Performance Evaluation for Town Manager

- o Ms. Caggiano thanked the Board for inviting her to present. She explained that the job description she had created for Town Manager mirrored the Town Charter's description of the position as closely as possible, and that the Town formerly lacked a formal job description for Town Manager.
 - Selectman Kruckas stated that the Town previously had a description, but the location of the file was unknown.
- o Ms. Caggiano then spoke regarding the Town Manager evaluation process, emphasizing the importance of the Board's familiarity with her designated template, which provided space for goals and matters the Board wished to see the Manager accomplish.
 - Chairman Morrin stated that these goals should match those already listed by Mr. Beckley in a separate document.
 - Selectman Kruckas noted that he would like newer Board members to have the opportunity to have a say in the evaluation process, as the current evaluation process began before they were in their positions.
 - Selectman Barnes noted that the Town Manager's official goals are listed on the Town website.
 - Selectman Kruckas commended Ms. Caggiano for her work on developing the new template.

Comments and Concerns of Citizens

- Selectman Barnes handed Mr. Beckley a letter from the State Ethics Commission with their ruling concerning his dual service on both the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission.
- Chairman Morrin stated that he is currently waiting on the verdict from the Ethics Commission regarding
 his service on the Board of Selectmen, in addition to his contracted electrical work repairing the Town's
 streetlights.
- Selectman Barnes noted a virtual drone training workshop sponsored by the Federal Aviation
 Administration being held that week and recommended that Mr. Beckley instruct various personnel to
 attend. He also recommended researching purchase and training opportunities for partner saws and
 jackhammers.
- Selectman Barnes expressed frustration with Mr. Beckley for the lack of work completed on bringing the East Street underpass sidewalk up to ADA compliance.
- Selectman Barnes also expressed frustration with the amount of time spent by Mr. Beckley working on the
 day-to-day operations of the Quaboag Connector service and expressed interest in speaking with the
 Transportation Operations Supervisor at a future meeting.
- Selectman Kusnierz stated that he would be willing to donate his lightly used Phantom DGI drone to the Town.
 - o Mr. Nolan noted that he would be virtually attending the FAA's drone-training seminar on Thursday, and he would then relay notes to any personnel who may be operating a drone for Town

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business.

- Selectman Barnes asked again about the status of the underpass.
 - O Mr. Beckley responded that the Town was awaiting a letter approving the allocation of \$30,000 in Chapter 90 Funds to begin work on this location, and estimated that when received, construction could begin within 3-4 weeks.
 - O Selectman Barnes stated that Mr. Beckley needed to follow up on receipt of the letter needed with payment.
 - o Mr. Beckley responded that he would follow up on this matter.
 - Selectman Barnes stated that this was an issue of urgency, as the sidewalk was currently not ADAcompliant, and the Town could be fined by the State at any time for this, noting that this was a
 major objective of his work on the Disability Awareness Committee with Mr. Steven Hawk.
- Selectman Kusnierz handed Mr. Beckley his letter from the Ethics Commission with their ruling concerning his dual service as both a Selectman and the Town's Tree Warden.
 - Mr. Beckley responded that he would send the rulings from Selectmen Barnes and Kusnierz to the Town Attorney to ensure that they are consistent with each other, and that the Town complies with both.

Town Manager Report

The Town-wide Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 23rd, sponsored by the United Church of Ware (who had scheduled the event to start at noon).

Saturday the 23rd will also be the first of four days on which the Town will be accepting yard waste in the lot on Robbins Road.

The Planning Board will be speaking on Thursday with a gentleman looking to develop a large retail store on West Street, as well as with Mr. Michael Harris over his proposed cannabis retail facility.

The Finance Committee will also be meeting on Thursday.

A sewage leak at Memorial Field originating from an adjacent property is set to be resolved soon, pending the Town Attorney's approval of the proposed funding solution.

A contract has been awarded for the drainage improvement project at Grenville Park, and work would begin shortly.

Another project set to begin shortly is the Rail Trail improvement project, funded by the Urban Trust, which will include new signage for the trail.

The construction of two access paths to the Ware River is underway, one of which will connect to the end of Robbins Road (on which the DPW just completed its first mow).

Grants Coordinator Jay Mooney is extremely busy with a variety of grant applications that have deadlines in the near future.

Selectman Barnes asked if the State Revolving Fund could help cover the cost of the East Street bridge construction project (which currently has the bridge reduced to one lane).

Mr. Beckley responded that this was thoroughly a State project that the Town had no financial dealings with, and that no sign of any progress had been made on this project yet.

Community Development Authority grant applications for façade and sign improvements were being accepted.

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The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was working with Ware, Monson, and Belchertown on a regional watershed protection program.

Water flushing would begin that evening in Zone 1 as part of the Water Department's regular program. Zone 1 consists of the areas of Church and North Streets. Typically, pipes on main streets are flushed overnight, while those on side streets occur during the daytime.

Despite rumors, there are no known plans for a logging operation at the site of Palmer Motorsports Park.

Selectman Kruckas asked if the motorsports park was considered one large parcel, or several separate parcels, and if the answer was the ladder, if all had the same conservation protections.

Mr. Beckley stated that the park consists of multiple parcels, and he would double-check that all were subject to the same conservation-related protections. He also noted that the Town once again received numerous noise complaints regarding the racetrack during the past weekend.

The Town will soon be scheduling Bulky Waste and Hazardous Waste disposal days for May and June, most likely.

Mr. Porter expressed interest in volunteering for these events.

Selectman Kruckas expressed appreciation for Resource Waste, stating that the Town was pleased to partner with them for these disposal days, and that their presence in Town was beneficial.

Vice-Chairman McCarthy provided an update on the Youth Center Committee, stating that they had so far had two successful meetings, and were planning to give assemblies at the Schools in the near future to gather student feedback.

Adjournment

Selectman Kruckas made the motion at 7:45 p.m. to Adjourn the Regular Meeting. Selectman McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Attest: Christopher J. Nolan

Executive Assistant to Town Manager

Questions contact - Robert Swift 508-889-1455 PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the Board of Selectmen Of Ware, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Coffey Hill Rd. - National Grid to install (6) JO poles 1/2, 1-84, 1-50, 2-50, 11-75 and 12-50 and relocate (3) JO poles on Coffey Hill Rd. beginning at a point approximately 95 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Sherman Hill Rd. and continuing approximately 2700 feet in an easterly and southerly direction. Existing Pole 1 relocating 28 feet +/- west, existing Pole 4 relocating 31 feet +/- east (across road), and existing Pole 6 relocating 33 feet +/- east (across road).

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked — Coffey Hill Rd. - Ware, Massachusetts.

30365815

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

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Manager / Right of '	

Dated: March 23, 2022

Coffey Hill Rd. Petition

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All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the
points indicated upon the plan marked – Webster Rd. - Ware, Massachusetts.

30365815 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Webster Rd. - National Grid to install (2) JO poles 26-50 and 28-50 and relocate (1) JO pole 28 on Webster Rd. beginning at a point approximately 210 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Coffey Hill Rd. and continuing approximately 475 feet in a northerly direction. Existing Pole 28 relocating 44 feet +/- north.

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City/Town Clerk.

Massachusetts

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Attest:

City/Town Clerk

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Sherman Hill Rd. - National Grid to install (8) JO poles 1-50, 1-58, 4-50, 5-50, 6-50, 7-50, 9-50 and 10-50 and relocate (2) JO poles 1 and 2 on Sherman Hill Rd. beginning at a point approximately 163 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of River Rd. and continuing approximately 2500 feet in a southeasterly direction. Existing Pole 1 relocating 52 feet +/- northwest and existing Pole 2 relocating 59 feet +/- southeast.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

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Sherman Hill Rd. Petition

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CERTIFICATE

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Sczygiel Rd. - National Grid to install (1) JO pole 30 on Sczygiel Rd. beginning at a point approximately 80 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Coffey Hill Rd.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

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BY
Engineering Department
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. BY Albert C. Bessette
BY Albert (Bessette
Manager / Right of Way

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Sczygiel Rd. Petition

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Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Webster Rd. - Ware, Massachusetts.

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Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

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Dated: March 23, 2022

Webster Rd. Petition

Questions contact – Robert Swift 508-889-1455

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

To the Board of Selectmen - Ware, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 23rd day of March 2022.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Coffey Hill Rd. - Ware, Massachusetts.

30365815 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Coffey Hill Rd. - National Grid to install (6) JO poles 1/2, 1-84, 1-50, 2-50, 11-75 and 12-50 and relocate (3) JO poles on Coffey Hill Rd. beginning at a point approximately 95 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Sherman Hill Rd. and continuing approximately 2700 feet in an easterly and southerly direction. Existing Pole 1 relocating 28 feet +/- west, existing Pole 4 relocating 31 feet +/- east (across road), and existing Pole 6 relocating 33 feet +/- east (across road).

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Of the City/Town of ,Massachusetts held on the day of 20 .

City/Town Clerk.

Massachusetts

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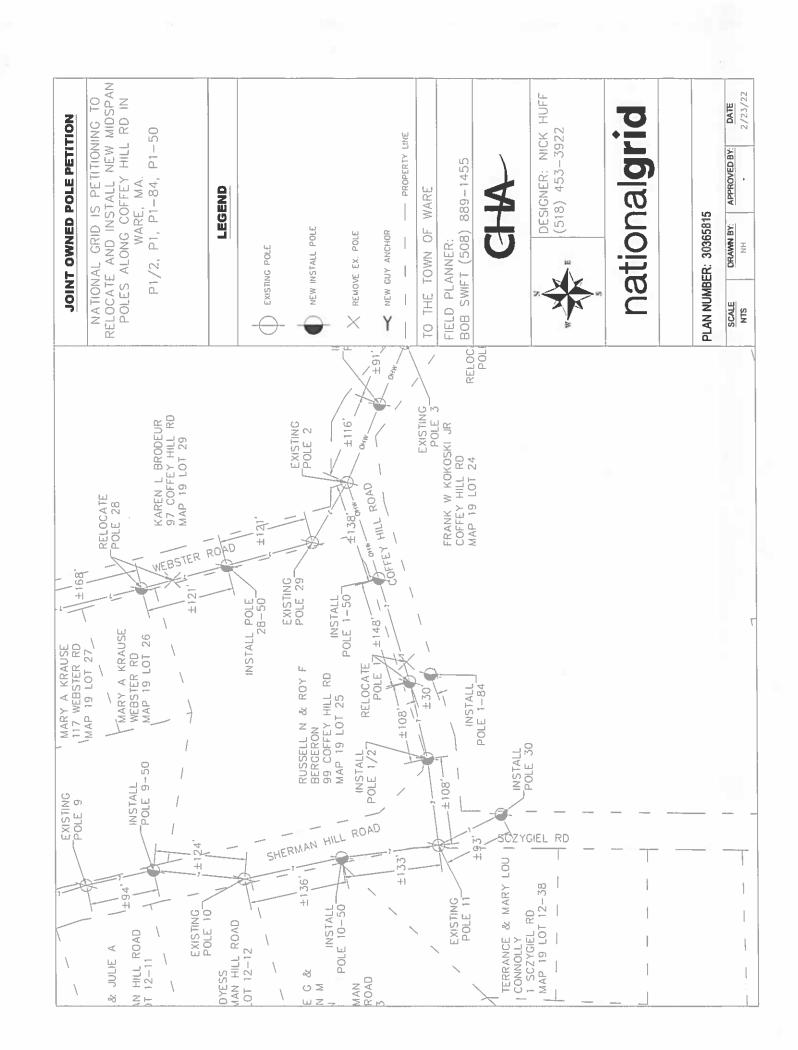
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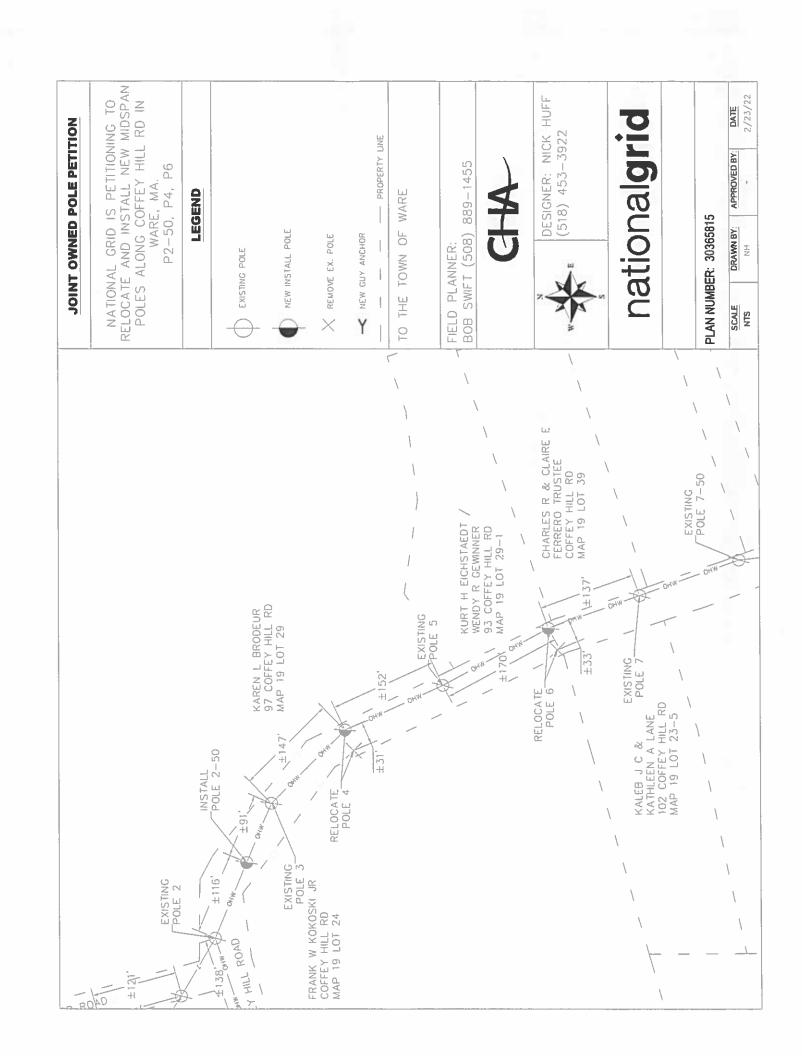
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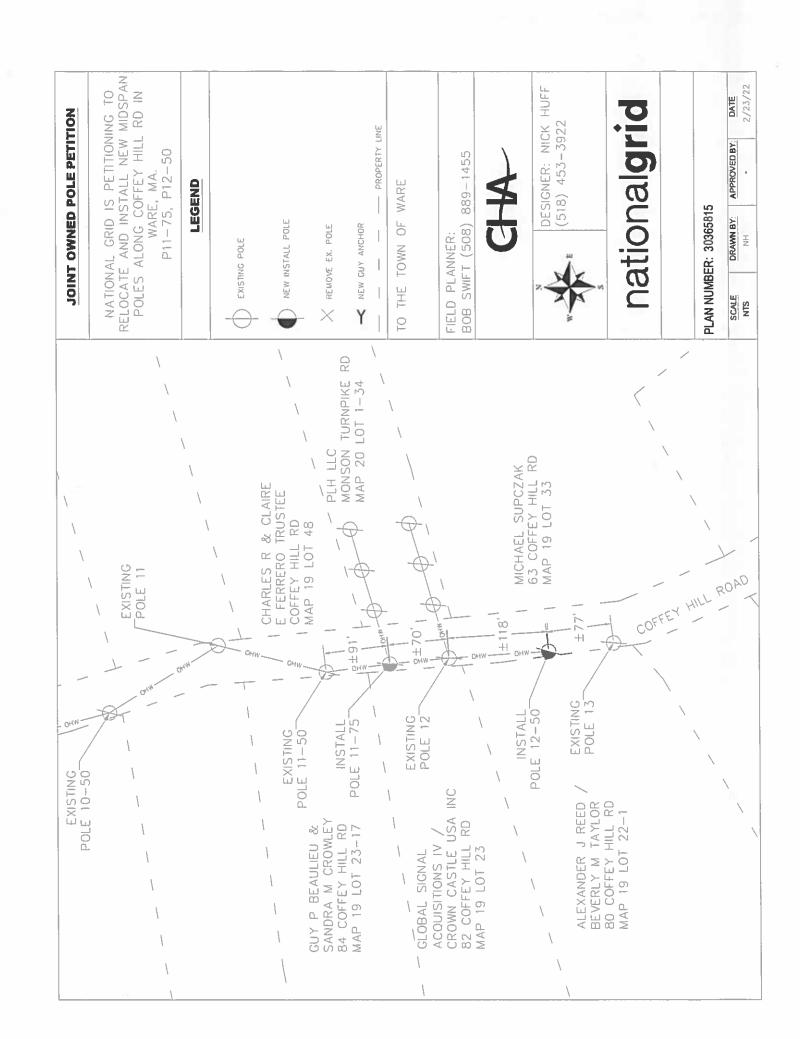
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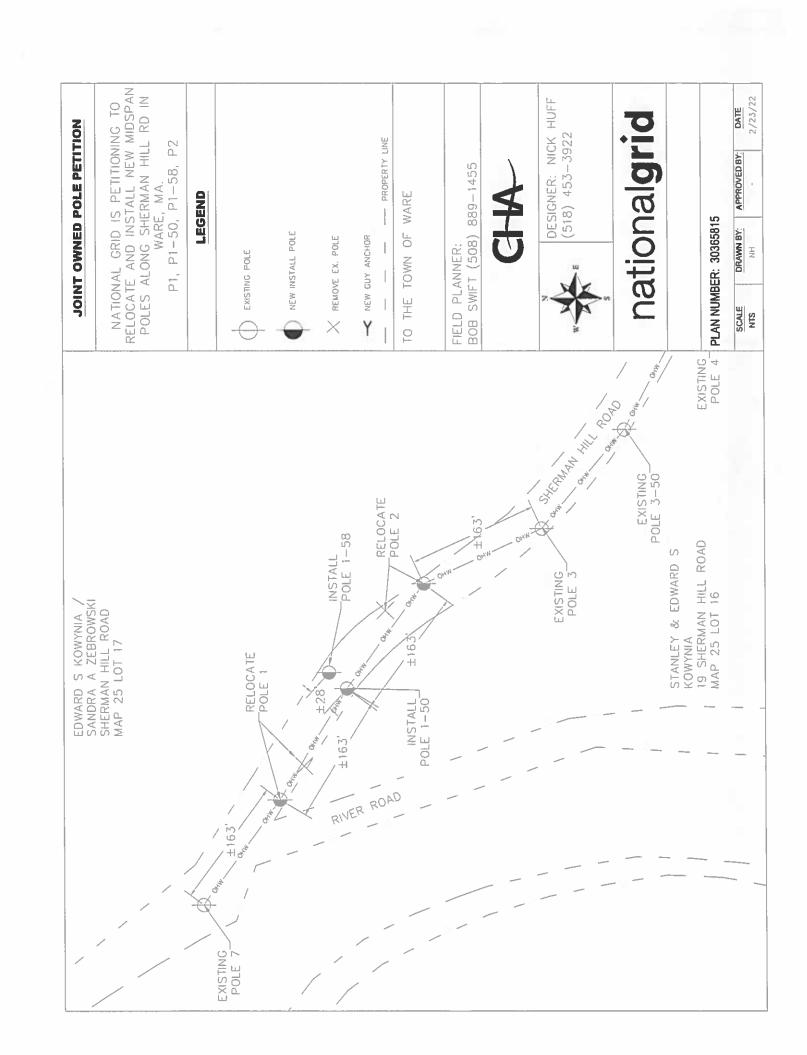
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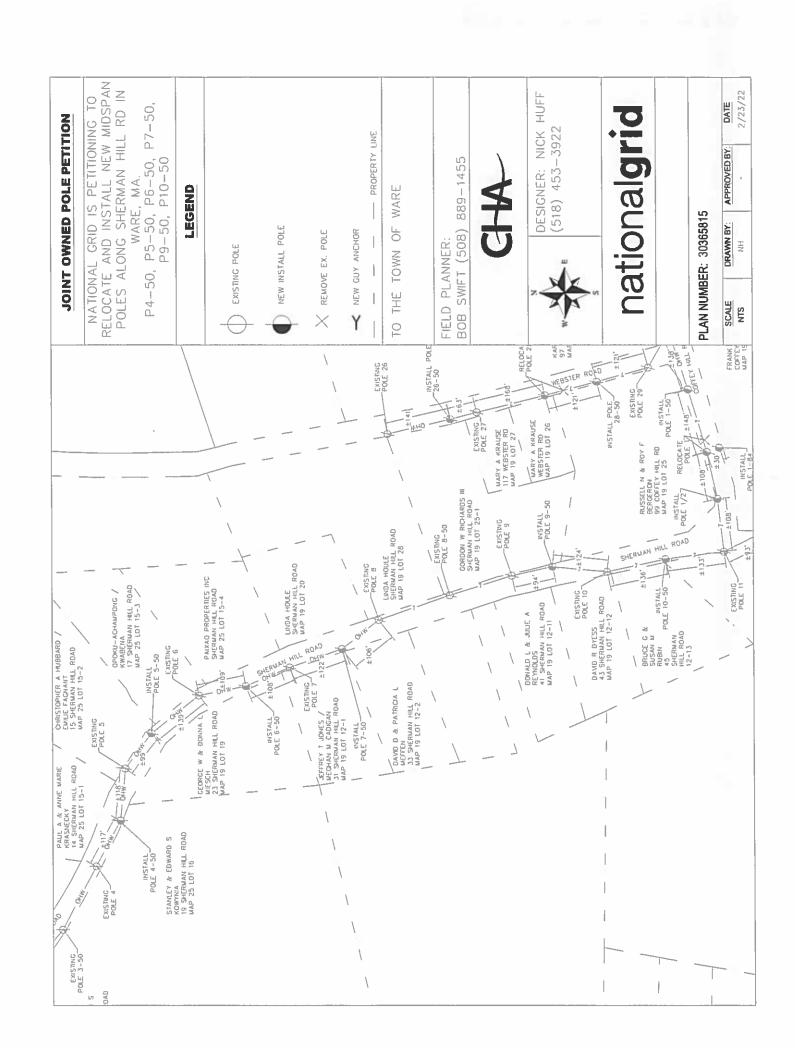
I hereby certify that on At Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONA INC. for permission to erect the poles, wires, and and that we mailed at least seven days before said said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (a for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon Poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And the	a public hearing was held on the LGRID and VERIZON NEW of the order he hearing a written notice of the transfer of the last preceding which the Company is permitten to the company is permitten.	ENGLAND, erewith recorded, ime and place of ng assessment ed to erect
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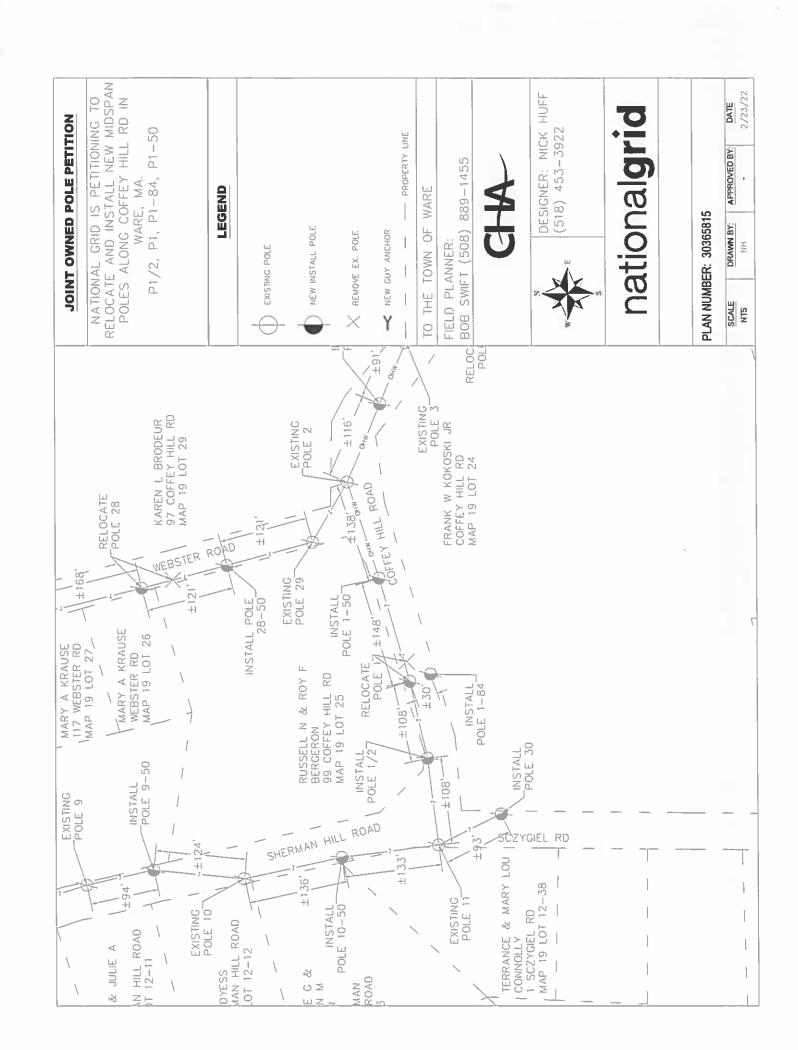


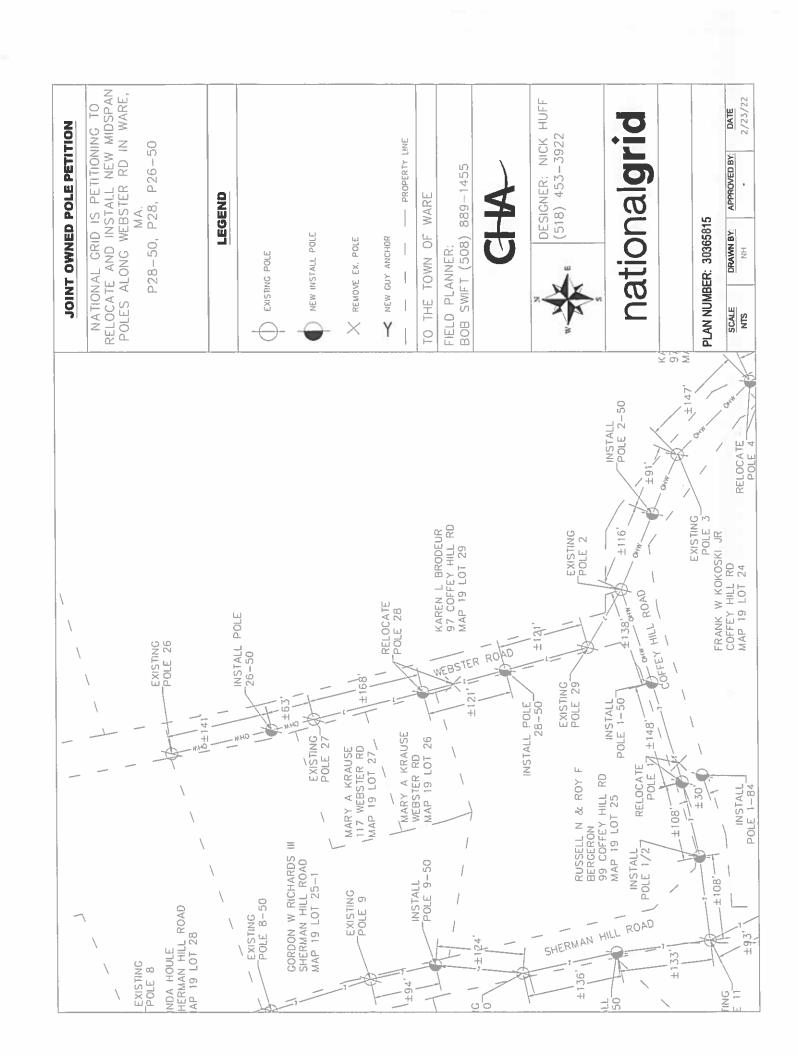












Human Resources Department Town of Ware 126 Main St. Ware, MA 01082

Re: Application for the Town of Ware - Director of Public Works

In response to the Town of Ware's advertisement for the position of Director of Public Works, I hereby submit my letter of interest and resume.

My previous extensive experience in Public Works has uniquely prepared me to step into the above named position for the Town of Ware, fully ready to go. During my extensive years of municipal Public Works experience I worked my way up for an entry level Engineering Ald position to the Director position, as a result have a thorough understanding of Public Works operations, including sanitation, water pollution control, grounds & facility maintenance and particularly winter snow and ice control. One of my past achievements was the development of the Town's Snow & Ice Control operations manual, and its periodic updating, including the establishment of metrics for the associated tasks.

Additionally, on special assignment to the Enfield, Connecticut Town Manager, working with the IT Department as the subject matter expert, oversaw the initiation of Town's web based customer service request system. Metrics were established for the resolution of the customer service requests, with linkage to an automated work order system.

Budget preparation and management is another of my strong skill sets and I take pride in always being on top of expenditures and accounts, and being able to perceive budget shortfalls sufficiently in advance to make operational adjustments or in the worst case provide forewarning of the situation.

I see myself as the "Agent of Change" available to transform the Town of Ware's Public Works
Department into a lean and effective agency, serving the Town Residents needs. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my Public Works management perspective and expertise with the interview committee.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey McAlmond 41 School Street Enfield, CT 06082 860-763-2751



Quaboag Connector Mission

In the Quaboag Valley public transportation is near nonexistent. This makes accessing community resources difficult for residents without a reliable personal vehicle. Seeing the challenges firsthand that residents in the Quaboag Valley face on a daily basis, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVCDC)—in collaboration with the Ware Council on Aging and other local social service agencies—established a strategy to systematically address the transportation needs of local residents. The Connector is a lifeline service. The vans take people to jobs and employment-related services; medical, dental and behavioral health appointments; education related services as well as offering connections to public transit services through the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority to the West and Worcester Regional Transit Authority to the East. We acknowledge that transportation is a social determinant of health, and aim to provide reliable, safe public transit options for residents of the Quaboag Region to connect them with vital community resources and each other. Through this work we hope to enhance the economic, social, and environmental health of the region.

Operations

We currently operate a fleet of 7 vehicles, with 2 Full time driver and 10 part time drivers, not including buses provided from the PVTA for the B79 route. We work jointly with a team of 4 dispatchers from the QVCDC. We are in the process of training 2 additional drivers, one for the Quaboag Connector routes and one for the B79 Route. We have 5 runs per day for the Quaboag Connector, 2 from 6am-2:30pm, 2 from 3pm-7pm and 1 from 6am-11am, the B79 Shuttle operates Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and we have begun working on the pilot program for the Route 9 Belchertown to Spencer Shuttle which will operate on Saturdays only until we can get more drivers for that route. We have a substantially increased demand for service and no longer are able to offer same day services and require clients to book 48 hours in advance. We are currently having to turn down clients that need rides for social purposes and shopping to accommodate clients that are going to and from work, elderly and disabled.

Transportation Operations Supervisor

Since starting this position our ridership has increased to 1344 riders in March 2022 compared to 617 in 2021 and 720 in 2020. We terminated 1 employee after multiple corrective action plans failed due to multiple violations. We suspended 3 individuals for violating the passenger code of conduct on multiple

occasions. We hired 1 full time driver for the B79 route, 2 part time drivers for the Quaboag Connector and are in the process of hiring 2 additional drivers to help cover the increased demand of the Quaboag Connector along with the Baystate Shuttles, Route 9 Shuttle, and the B79 Route.

My duties include but are not limited to: meeting daily with QVCDC dispatch team members to batch runs for the next day, creating new scheduling platforms to accommodate for increased ridership, attending various weekly, bi weekly and monthly meeting with the PVTA, UMass Transit and other transit authorities, collecting fares and processing turnovers, creating weekly drivers schedules, processing payroll, conducting interviews and employee reviews, cleaning and maintaining vehicles, maintaining vehicle repairs logs, providing customer support, training new drivers, purchasing products, for vehicle maintenance, filling in for driver, bringing lost items to clients, and a variety of other general administrative task.

Michael Dambrosio Transportation Operations Supervisor Town of Ware 126 Main Street, Ware MA, 01082 (413)667-7196



TOWN OF WAREOffice of the Town Manager

126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 413-967-9648 x100

May 13, 2022

To :

Select Board

From:

Stuart Beckley, Town Manager

Subject:

ARPA Update

Regarding the screen for the Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Grants Coordinator and I attended the webinars for the State Revolving Fund which will be the primary loan/grant program for infrastructure projects. The earliest funding will be available will be Spring, 2024. Therefore, I would recommend that the Board approve the use of ARPA funds for that project.

The Town has been approached by several residents and businesses about the increasingly difficult economic times. With the cost of gasoline, heating oil and food rising, and the expectations of recession approaching, there are requests for assistance. A pool of resident/business funding could assist with programs to address these stresses to residences.

The Town is able to utilize ARPA funds for almost any governmental purpose due to the amount of funding Ware received.

Beckley, Stuart

From: Barbara Holbrook
bobbistg@yahoo.com>

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:53 AM

To: Beckley, Stuart

Sent:

Subject: Taxation

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Town of Ware organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mr Buckley and Selectboard,

community that i love. I am a pensioner, and with the local taxes rising at such astonishing rates these past few years, it has become more and more difficult to be know the town has several tools it could use to ease the burden on the community, be it through breaks, haunts in increases, or simply giving back when there attending my own classes at the Senior Center, I have been a proud and active member of this community. Unfortunately though, I may soon have to leave this it may help to she's a light on an increasingly dire problem that i know the town has every viability to solve. In short, my name is Barbara Holbrook and i is a surplus. I urge you all to start using the mechanisms to help the community, if not for the human aspect, then to prevent the exodus of citizens should the While only one voice, I'm writing today on behalf of the many in this town who have been suffering due to increased local taxes. My hope is that by telling my able to afford to stay in Ware. With the rise in inflation i am truly scared for the first time in my life, that i will no longer be able to live here. Speaking with my neighbors, i know that i am not alone in these struggles and that many of us are looking at surrounding towns as more financially viable options to spend our have been living in this town for over 40 yrs. I settled here with my family in the 70s, and from carting my daughter to little league in the park all the way to emaining years in. To be clear, I'm not sharing my story as a cry for help. Please consider it more a request for action. increases not relent Thank you for your time Sincerely, BARBARA HOLBROOK

Sent from my iPad

Approved ARPA Expenditures (updated 01/04/2022)

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	Approved Amount	Estimated Cost	Date Approved	Available Balance
				\$2,902,684
WWTP Influent Screen Design	(entire amount)	\$265,000	12/7/2021	\$2,637,684
Hiring of Grant Coordinator Position	(entire amount)	\$150,000	12/7/2021	
Essential Personnel Hazard Pay Stipends- Police, Fire, Custodial	(entire amount)	\$296,250	1/4/2022	\$2,191,434
(WWTP Influent Screen			(not yet approved, but anticipated for	
Construction)	(entire amount)	\$1,500,000	approval)	\$691,434



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May 13, 2022

To :

Select Board

From:

Stuart Beckley, Town Manager

Subject:

Granby Regionalization.

I have reached out to Granby. The School Committee is interested in determining needs of their district and what type of regionalization if any would be suitable for their district.

I hope to hear more from the Finance Committee about their intent.

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Hardwick	0		0	0	0	0	0
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Barre							
Millbury	4200	3600	0	0	2550	2520	2520
Wilbraham	6523	5361	51	0 6253/5361		4447	4067

Town of Ware Personal Property

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From: Alice Atkinson-Bonasio 121 Church Street Ware, Massachusetts 01082 M. (208) 949 5299

5/5/22

To the Selectboard,

I am writing to apply for the position currently open on the Ware Historical Commission board. Having recently moved into a historical Colonial house on Church Street, I have a strong interest in local history and its preservation, so I feel this would be a worthwhile activity, where I feel I can make a positive impact.

Before coming to Ware, my husband and I lived in the McKenzie Valley, in Oregon (and in England before then) where I was very much involved in local community organizations. In my town of Blue River, I was a board member of the Water and Park districts, as well as running communications activities for the Community Development Corporation and serving as Executive Director at the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce.

I feel this experience should equip me well to take on this position, and very much look forward to serving the local community as we settle into our new lives here.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Alice Atkinson-Bonasio



Historical Commission 126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082

www.townofware.com

310 Beaver Lake Road Ware, MA 01082

To the Selectboard,

I am writing to endorse the application of Alice Atkinson-Bonasio for the opening on the Ware Historical Commission. Alice recently bought an historic home on Church Street, and is looking forward to helping out her new community. Alice has experience serving on town boards in Oregon, and is particularly interested in getting involved in local events, and learning about the history and peculiarities of the town. Alice brings more youthful exuberance to our board, and, as she is employed by Microsoft, we are looking forward to her expertise in technology

Alice has attended a meeting with us and found it may suit her needs as she explores the town of Ware. We are grateful to have another member for our board. I highly recommend that you welcome and approve her applications. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Caulfield Lak, chair Ware Historical Commission



Town of Ware Application for Appointment to Boards and Committees



TOWN OF WAREOffice of the Town Manager

126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 413-967-9648 x100

May 13, 2022

Underride Process

A levy limit underride (Ch. 59 Sec. 21C(h)) reduces the amount of property tax revenue a community may raise and, like an override, has a permanent impact on taxing authority, but in the opposite direction. If the loss of tax revenue through an underride occurs after approval of the annual budget, it would prompt a corresponding reduction in expenditures, unless the community has significant unused levy capacity.

The Board may place a question on a town election ballot: In a city or town, if a majority of the local appropriating authority or the people by local initiative procedure shall so require, there shall be a special election called in order to submit a question to the voters as to whether said city or town should be required to assess taxes by a specified amount below that amount allowed pursuant to this section. The question submitted to the voters shall be worded as follows:—

"Shall the (city/town) of ____ be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-three by an amount equal to \$?

FHWA Local Support Innovation Exchange Webinar - Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

- Federal Land Management Agencies- Various Uses of Unmanned Ariel Systems
 - Zekial Rios, a land surveyor for the Federal Highway Administration based in the Pacific Northwest, discussed some of the versatile uses for these systems by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - Zekial helped implement the Western Federal Lands UAS program, which began in 2016.
 - o The program stumbled after a moratorium on UAS technology in 2020, but has since re-built.
 - o Some of the FHWA's various uses for UAS are
 - Aerial photography and videography
 - Planning
 - Virtual project visit data
 - Project advertising
 - Land surveying
 - Collecting photos
 - Developing 3D models using photogrammetry
 - Geotechnical investigation
 - Using UAS to reach hard-to-access or hazardous areas
 - Full area photos
 - Construction monitoring
 - Status photos
 - Claim support
 - As-built data
 - Quantity calculations
 - Structural inspection support
 - Does not meet requirements for critical member inspection
 - Can still collect and record data
 - Other FHWA uses include
 - Developing a project scope
 - Identifying potential problem areas
 - Identifying planimetric features
 - Creating a digital terrain model
 - Identifying unstable slope limits
 - Identifying access points
 - Identifying hazards
 - Organizations can also use UAS for Asset Management, including
 - Identifying areas/structures in need of repair or repointing
 - Developing quantity calculations for a contract
 - Safely and efficiently taking photos of an area from all possible angles

- Benefits of UAS technology include
 - Safety (versus sending individuals into unstable or unsafe positions)
 - Cost (versus helicopter-based technology)
 - Rapid data acquisition
 - Quickly gathering findings with minimal site impact (versus sending individuals or vehicles into an area)
- Necessary Considerations
 - Physical airspace regulations
 - Land ownership
 - Weather conditions
 - Limitations of UAS in heavily forested areas
 - Environmental sensitivity
 - Social sensitivity
- Lessons Learned by FHWA
 - UAS policy 'theft' between organizations is beneficial and encouraged
 - Platform selection is important
 - Carefully determine the right tools for the right jobs
 - Always ensure regulation compliance
 - Carefully determine which location or department your organization's
 UAS program should be run out of
 - Carefully select responsible individuals to serve as drone pilots
- Individual Project Considerations
 - Lead time
 - Landowner coordination
 - Mission planning
 - Control
 - Ground sample distance
 - Flight speed
 - Field issues
 - Data processing (not always instant or easy)
- US Army Corps of Engineers- UAS Uses
 - o Jason Kirkpatrick, Program Manager with the USACE, presented on the various ways that the Corps has implemented its UAS program
 - o USACE maintains a large fleet of UAS vehicles
 - o They use a variety of different technological systems for their UAS fleet so that errors in one do not affect all others
 - o The primary consideration for the program is cybersecurity
 - o USACE drones typically fly 400 feet or less above the ground, which is below general aviation space)
 - The best systems for drone operating are typically discovered by the users themselves

- o The program's focus is legal, safe, and effective drone use in compliance with all policies, including
 - Department of Defense and federal cyber mandates
 - Federal Aviation Administration and Defense aviation requirements
 - Training requirements include the USACE's own strict standards for flight operations, as well as risk management guidelines for operational, cyber, and infrastructure matters
- USACE uses software called MARS for UAS operations
 - MARS is described as the "Turbotax of mission planning"
 - The system streamlines the complex multi-layered process of mission planning into a single software package
 - MARS is especially important during emergency operations and special mission sets
- o Safety Enhancement
 - UAS offers strong safety benefits
 - Can be used by first responders
 - Can be used as a pre-inspection tool for structures
 - Useful for emergency operations
- o USACE Use of UAS Systems in Flood Response
 - Levee damage assessments
 - Inundation mapping
 - Trafficability assessments (mapping)
 - Debris identification and removal (3D/DSM)
 - Videos of active levee breaching
- o Training System: USACE Public Aircraft Operation (PAO) Certification
 - This certification is appropriate for use by any public entity
 - Local agencies can choose to adopt USACE's policies, which are extremely comprehensive and strict. They might also choose to create their own policies based on those of the USACE, but modified where necessary
- There is a widespread attitude that amateur pilots of small drones are woefully ill equipped; USACE is looking to change that



TOWN OF WARE

Department of Public Works
4 ½ Church Street
Ware, MA 01082
Tel. 413-967-9620 Fax 413-967-9622

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectboard

FROM: Gilbert St.George-Sorel, CONSULTANT

DATE: May 17, 2022

RE: REQUEST TO ABATE PORTION OF WATER & SEWER BILL FOR # 35 MORSE AVENUE

The February 2022 (Billing Cycle #1 - 10/2021 - 12/2022) water and sewer bill for Account # 08-1108, was extremely high based on an incorrect reading. As you can see from the attached **WATER BILLING ACCOUNT**, the occupant rarely uses more than the minimum bill of 500 cubic feet and the usage for that billing cycle was 8099 cubic feet. The DPW installed a new meter on February 14, 2022 and as you can see from the same billing account, the usage returned to normal for the May billing cycle (Billing Cycle #2 - 1/2022 - 3/2022).

The property is a single-family home located at 35 Morse Avenue and is owned by Joan Sadowski. Ms. Sadowski has always paid her bill in full, but did not pay that bill until someone could explain the reason for the high bill. This delay was complicated by the departure of the administrative assistant in the billing office. Unfortunately, the February commitment period is closed and I don't know of any way to resolve this administratively; therefore, I have recommended this abatement. I don't want this to go on and incur additional interest charges against the unpaid balance.

I spoke with Ms. Sadowski last Wednesday at her home and proposed the following. She would pay the minimum water and sewer bill for the unpaid February 2022 bill of \$87.32 (\$36.72 for water + \$50.60 for sewer) and the minimum water and sewer bill for May 2022 of \$87.32 for a total of \$174.64. The Board would abate the balance of the bill issued on May 6, 2022 of \$1,130.46 (See attached 2022 WATER/SEWER BILL CYCLE 2) which includes interest and penalty. This amounts to \$955.82.

Suggested Motion for the Board: I move the Board vote to abate a total of \$955.82 in water and charges against Account # 08-1108, Joan Sadowski, for her property located at #35 Morse Avenue.

I told Ms. Sadowski, that the Selectboard meeting is a public meeting and she may certainly attend to provide any additional information relative to this issue.

VOTED TO APPROVE BY THE BOARD OF	SELECTMEN	AT A REGULARLY	SCHEDULED,	PROPERLY
POSTED MEETING ON: February 17, 2022.	Yes	No		

cc: Ashley Walker/Treasurer/Collector
Tracy Meehan/ Town Accountant
Kristen Thacker/Administrative Assistant, Ware DPW
Christopher Nolan/Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager
Stuart Beckley/Town Manager

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#	CYCLE	SERVICE	PRIOR	CURRENT	USE	WATER	SEWER	FEES	TOTAL
1.	2019-1	01/07/19	1574	1747	173	34.00	44.00	0.00	78.00
2	2019-2	04/03/19	1747	1919	172	34.00	44.00	0.00	78.00
3	2019-3	07/11/19	1919	2084	165	34.00	44.00	0.00	78.00
4	2019-4	10/04/19	2084	2234	150	34.00	44.00	0.60	78.00
5	2020-1	01/06/20	2234	2382	148	36.00	44.00	0.00	80.00
6	2020-2	04/01/20	2382	2518	136	36,00	44.00	0.00	80.00
7	2020-3	07/02/20	2518	2712	194	36.00	44.00	0.00	80.00
8	2020-4	09/25/20	2712	3055	343	36.00	44.00	0.00	80.00
9	2021-1	01/04/21	3055	3205	150	36.00	44.00	0.00	80.00
10	2021-2	03/29/21	3205	3330	125	36.00	44.00	0.00	
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REVIEW CHOICE # or <ENTER> MORE HISTORY:

TOWN OF WARE TAX COLLECTOR 2022 WATER/SEWER BILL CYCLE #2

3397 BILL DATE: 05/06/2022

TOWN OF WARE TAX COLLECTOR 126 MAIN ST SUITE C . WARE, MA 01082

Usage Periou 1/2022-3/2022

Account: 08-1108 Meter: 08-1108 Service: 35 MORSE AV

HOURS:8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

> JOAN SADOWSKI 35 MORSE AVENUE WARE MA 01082

WATER 36.72 SEWER 50.60 CODE: 0.00 CODE: 0.00 CODE: 0.00 ABATEMENT: 0.00 PREVIOUS BALANCE 992.36 PENALTY 50.78 AMOUNT DUE BY 06/06/2022 1,130.46

RATE CODE: R-R RATE TABLE

WATER \$36.72 MIN TO \$00 UNITS, \$5.87 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET SEWER \$50.60 MIN TO SDO UNITS, \$6.04 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET

PRIOR CURRENT CODE AMOUNT **READING DATE: 04/06/2022** METER #: 08-1108 58 WATER 36.72 FROM: 1/2022 TO: 3/2022 SEWER 50.60 CODE: 0.00 35 MORSE AV WATER USE: 109 CODE: 0.00 Account: 08-1108 SEWER USE: 109 CODE: 0.00

USAGE/SVC INQUIRIES TO WATER DEPT

For Payment inquiries call: 413-967-9620 For Reading inquiries call: 413-967-9620

Interest Penalty Information

This bill is due and payable without penalty if received by the due date. Any portion of the bill unpaid after this date is subject to a 14,00% per annum late charge from the date of billing.All unpaid charges will be liened to your tax bill.

DETACH

Please detach here and return the bottom voucher with your payment

DETACH

MAKE PAYMENT TO:

TOWN OF WARE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF WARE TAX COLLECTOR 2022 WATER/SEWER BILL CYCLE #2

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WATER	36.72
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ABATEMENT:	0.00
PREVIOUS BALANCE	992.36
PENALTY	50.78
AMOUNT DUE BY 06/06/2022	1,130.46

WARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF MEETING TO CONSIDER REDUCING QUORUM FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 23, 2022

The Board of Selectmen hereby provides notice of its intention to considering an adjustment of the quorum requirements for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. House Bill 4777, signed by the Governor on June 5, 2020, and enacted as Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, and extended pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, authorizes a Board of Selectmen to reduce the quorum for an Annual or Special Town Meeting, regardless of whether such quorum is set by bylaw or charter. In Ware, Article 2, Section 5(c) of the Town Charter establishes a quorum of 100 registered voters for the Annual Town Meeting.

As background, based upon the orders and guidance issued by the Governor and the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health, among others, with respect to large gatherings in the community as a result of COVID-19 and subsequent variants, the Town is seeking a reduction of the quorum for Town Meeting. The goal, of course, is to ensure that all who wish to participate are able, particularly vulnerable members of our community. Significant planning has been undertaken, and is ongoing, with respect to holding the continuation of Town Meeting on May 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in light of the Town's lack of quorum for its originally scheduled date of May 9, 2022.

One of the most essential jobs of the Town Meeting is to set the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Working with the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Moderator, Town Clerk, Health Agent and other key staff, the Town has prepared a Town Meeting plan consistent with the advice and guidance of the Department of Public Health. There may nevertheless be voters who remain worried about participating or who may choose to continue to stay at home at this time in light of current COVID-19 public health metrics. For that reason, the Board of Selectmen will meet on May 23, 2022 to discuss whether to reduce the quorum as a way to ensure that the Town Meeting can accomplish the important business of appropriating a budget and taking other critical actions.

Therefore, to preserve the option for Town Meeting to be held with a lower quorum, the Board hereby provides notice of its intent to meet at the Ware High School auditorium on May 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., to discuss whether, with the Moderator's input and approval, it should lower the quorum to ensure that Town Meeting can efficiently and effectively undertake its responsibilities.

The Board of Selectmen looks forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

If there are questions in the meantime, please contact Town Manager Stuart Beckley at 413.967.9648 x 100.



TOWN OF WARE

Town Manager 126 Main Street Ware, MA 01082

413-967-9648 x100

Town Manager Updates May 17, 2022

Upcoming Dates:
Town Meeting May 23rd
Planning Board – May 19 – Verizon communications Tower, Greenwich Plains subdivision
May 29 – Ware Remembers, Center meeting House, 6 p.m
May 30 – Memorial Day parade/ceremony, 1 p.m.,

Construction on Bank Street (CDBG) continues. The Rail Trail grading is complete, with remaining funds being considered to expand improvements toward Robbins Road. Working on signage and kiosks for the ends of the trail.

The coordinated sequencing of the Main Street lights has been removed. The lights work as originally programmed.

The repointing work at Town Hall is underway. They will be working on the entrance. The architect and contractor will provide a quote for additional work needed on the portico.

The Fire Department hosted a Emergency Management table top exercise this week. The Towns of Belchertown and Amherst participated. The exercise was run by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of the exercise is to review the Town's planning documents. The scenario was a high strength hurricane. MEMA indicated that the towns did well and had suggestions for clarifying documents to be added to the plan.

COVID cases are steadily rising. Hampshire County is in a status of moderate risk of spreading. The CDC has revised its guidelines to recommend the use of masks indoors.

Thank you to DPW for their work on the eastern end East Street underpass. Street sweeping is under way. The new loader funded at last year's town meeting has arrived and is being used for screening of gravel and loam.

Human Resources Dept. Report.

- Director of Public Works- Offer made to Geoff McAlmond contingent on Board approval. Start date of May 23.
- Administrative Assistant to the Assessor and Board of Assessors- posted internally 5/11/2022. Resignation received.
- Quaboag Connector Van Drivers- Megan Patten started 5/9/2022 and Cory Eckert started 5/16/2022
- Drug Free Communities Program Director- Naomi Ward started 4/19/2022
- Drug Free Communities Community Engagement Coordinator- interviews being scheduled
- Waste Water Service Operator- interviews ongoing

Thank you Nancy Talbot for facilitating two successful Open Meeting Law trainings with KP Law for staff and for Boards/Committees.



DPW Installed sidewalk at east end of East Street underpass.