**Committees**

 I have reminded the Moderator that we need a new Housing Committee appointed, as the previous one resigned *en masse* last year. One reason it is important is that the Housing Committee appoints a member to the Community Preservation Committee, affordable housing being one main purpose of the Community Preservation Act. We have posted an invitation to the website, but I believe that personal contact is more likely to result in long-term committee retention.

 The Highway Facility Committee is exploring various options to try to reduce the soft costs of the project, including splitting the project in two to save the cost of going through the bidding process for design services. Their meeting tomorrow night will explore that possibility.

 **Departments**

 We have received notification that our FY 2020 Chapter 90 aid is going to be $264,761, down very slightly from last year’s $264,932.

 I checked with the Treasurer about the proposed schedule of payments for the Tornado Mountain marijuana facility, and she was fine with what was proposed (within 90 days of the end of the calendar year).

 We have received our FY 2018 audit and management letter, which indicate no material weakness.

 We need to re-engage with the 32B Secs. 21-23 health insurance process again, forming an insurance Advisory Committee, etc. John and Bob may recall that we engaged outside labor counsel last year, who helped a great deal in keeping us on track (though last year’s process was ultimately suspended). I would like the Select Board’s agreement to engage outside labor counsel once more.

 **Town Meeting**

 To smooth the transition between the outgoing Town Clerk and the incoming Town Clerk, I recommend transferring $4,100 from Town Clerk salaries and wages for this fiscal year to the Town Clerk Operations (sub- account 585, professional and technical expenses) so that the outgoing Town Clerk can assist in the office after the May election through the end of the fiscal year. This takes a vote from both the Finance Committee and Select Board. I have also amended the Town Clerk-161 budget to reflect that payments for consulting are in the operations part of the 161 account rather than hourly pay. Of course, this does not result in a bottom-line change.