**TA Update**

**Departments**

I understand that there is a critical need for more EMTs, especially people who can show up during the day. I’ve put a notice on the web site and hope to generate some interest.

After conferring with the Personnel Committee, I plan to initiate periodic staff meetings. Part of this will be the required annual harassment training (I hope through MIIA and its Employee Assistance Program), part of it will be similar trainings, and part of it will be regular updates to enhance communications.

I’ll be meeting with Bob Armstrong soon to make a plan for the electricity aggregation survey. If anyone has any further thoughts, please let either of us know. One item we may want to consider is whether we want to offer a “green” plan that includes electricity from burning wood, as that has been controversial in the past. I hope we can be in communication with other towns about that before making a decision so that we can retain as much bulk buying power as possible.

Our application to FEMA for a grant to assist in the stabilization of the slope from Delabarre Ave. to the river is in its final phase; we’ve gotten feedback from FEMA and are tweaking the application.

I’m managing to get the two computers procured, with Roy’s help, which were approved under the MEMA Emergency Management Planning Grant for FY 2019. We should have everything in order by the end of the fiscal year.

I anticipate needing a short meeting with the Finance Committee for at least one item related to end-of-year finances; I mis-placed the funds for Ginny in the operating account, and it should have been in the salary account. The approval would be post-dated to May of 2020, ensuring she could get paid and avoiding a meeting then. I’m sure Laurie will be looking to her for assistance during the primaries and in preparation for Town Meeting.

**Other**

I will mention, in case anyone has missed the sign in the triangle in front of the Library, that Mike Haley will be presenting Irish Cannon Ball Croquet as a benefit for the Conway Sportsman’s Club scholarship, on June 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ball field.

*Select Board Comments*

A Town resident has notified Kantor that the sound isn’t working on the FCAT recording of Town Meeting. Armstrong mentioned that the reason they’re going to be talking about the burning of wood is the state is in the process of changing the rules allowing woodburning to qualify for subsidies for energy certificates. Armstrong is concerned about the effect this change could have on aggregation. Wood burning is dirtier than oil and isn’t renewable according to the intent of the law, said Armstrong. The State is changing the rules without any legislative input. The Green Energy Alliance is staunchly opposed to this change, said O’Rourke.