

TOWN OF KINGSTON

Memorandum

Office of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

TO: Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Jill R. Myers, Town Administrator

DATE: June 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report for the BOS Meeting of June 8, 2010

FY10 Budget

Staff is working to review budget line item balances for potential transfers at the BOS meeting of June 22. All transfer requests and encumbrances should be directed to the Town Accountant.

Green Communities Designation

The Town received its Green Communities Designation having met all five criteria. We were one of 35 cities and towns – the closest towns being Hanover and Mashpee. Senate President Murray presented a citation at Town Meeting in recognition of such designation, and more promotional information and signs will be provided. The Town will also receive two “Big Belly” solar trash compactors and a large recycling container to place in public places. We also submitted the grant application to fund energy reduction measures for improvement and recommissioning of priority buildings identified in our energy audit by ICF, in collaboration with Nstar. While the expectation was that available grant funding amounts were from an \$8million appropriation – and a \$1million cap per application, the funding appropriations were based on a formula (population, median income, etc). The base amount for achieving the Green Communities designation is \$125,000 and \$28,528 was added for the population/median income formula. We did receive an additional \$10,000 for adopting the Stretch Code at the April Town Meeting. Even though the Grant capped out at a lower than expected level, Kingston is eligible, and expected to receive approximately \$163,528 in grant funds by the end of this month.

Elm Street Bridge Replacement:

Representative Calter hosted a meeting on June 3 with Senator Murray's staff, Town officials, MDOT project management, and engineering consultant. MDOT provided a revised June 1 drawing(s) based on comments received at the MDOT Public Hearing on May 6 for the design plans at 25%. It is anticipated that a public informational meeting will be scheduled in the next 4 weeks before the next Public Hearing because of the substantial improvements/changes to the schematic drawing. Such included a reduced width bridge at 26 feet curb to curb, including sidewalks on one side. The road elevations have been reduced/leveled and designed for 25 MPH. It remains designed as a two-way bridge with no signal. It was unofficially explained to us that a design exemption to request a one way/lane bridge would likely not be approved, and disqualify the project from the accelerated bridge program. That will certainly be discussed at the public meeting. Also discussed were traffic calming measures although not eligible for bridge funding, but potentially with Chapter 90 funding.

Senior Center Building Project: A ground breaking ceremony is being planned to occur in the next week or two. At date/time will be determined on 6/8.

Open Meeting Law Training Sessions: Wednesday, June 9~two sessions, 2:30pm and 7:00pm. We respectfully request all town officials to plan to attend one of the sessions.