

# TOWN OF WESTPORT

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### Item #1 – Hix Bridge Road Bridge

I had followed up to learn the status of MassDOT's recommendations for addressing the deterioration of the Hix Bridge Road Bridge. Attached is their response.

#### Item #2 – Hix Bridge Dredge

I also followed up on the status of the ACOE dredge project under the bridge. Attached is the response from the ACOE.

## Item #3 – Police Station Project

The Police Station Building Committee has been meeting bi-weekly with the designer and OPM. The schematic design showing the office layout has been substantially completed. The new Police Station has laid out will be a bit less than 16,000 square feet. The plan continues to have a final design ready to go out to bid in February 2017 with construction to start in April, 2017. Construction should take about 1 year.

**Item #4 -** Review of Financial Management Structures in Massachusetts Towns – DLS Attached is a brief report prepared by the Mass Division of Local Services about recent trends in municipal finance organizational structures.

## Item #5 – Special Legislation Related to Retired Firefighter Steve Lopes

The Special Legislation requested by the Town to cover some of Steve Lopes post-retirement medical expenses has been signed by the Governor. A copy is attached.

#### Item #6 – Assessing Office Technical Assistance

I spoke this week with Zack Blake, Chief of the DLS Technical Assistance Bureau about the Town's request for Technical Assistance. Westport is next on the list and he expects they will start the project at the end of September.

#### **Item #7** – <u>F&R Auto</u>

The Attorney General's Office has sued F&A Auto in Westport about its business practices. The Board will need to consider scheduling a license revocation hearing. Press Release attached.

## **Item #8** – Community Compact FY 2017

The Community Compact is now taking applications for FY 2017. Westport will be applying this year.

# **Item #9** – <u>Internet Problems</u>

The Town Offices have experienced unusually slow email and internet services. Keith Novo is actively working on the problem. Memo from the IT Director describing the problem and what he is doing about it is attached.

**Item #10** – <u>Community Television Director Monthly Report</u> Attached.

**Item #11** – <u>Marine Services Director Monthly Report</u> Attached.

**Item #12** – <u>COA Director Monthly Report</u> Attached.