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# Town Administrator's Report

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-Senior Center- I have been working with several individuals (locally and at the State level) in addressing the issue of Grant Eligibility and the requirements of funding. I will present a Press Release on this matter at the Board's meeting. We will continue to address questions as they are presented on this issue. I also attended the Town Meeting Precinct Reorganization meeting this week to help present the financial impact of this project on the average homeowner.

-Grant for Pedestrian Crossing- Karen O'Connell has successfully submitted a grant proposal from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation that will support a new pedestrian crossing on Rustcraft Road and the 128 Corporate Center Rail Station. The Grant is part of the Transit Oriented Development effort being undertaken by the State. The Town's proposal seemed to meet all of the Grant's criteria so we are hopeful that we will get this funding. The Grant could generate as much as \$1,000,000 for this project.

-Town Meeting Member Orientation- I met last Wednesday Evening with the new Town Meeting members. This is a presentation that I do annually at the request of the Town Moderator. It affords me an opportunity to help explain the Budget process and how Budget decisions are made prior to Town Meeting.

-Trash Contract- I will be presenting the Board with a proposal for a new Trash Contract at your Meeting on May 8. Jim Nocella Regional Vice-President for Waste Management will be present along with John Giorgio from Town Counsel (Kopelman and Paige) to provide the Board with an understanding of how the proposed new trash program will work. I will provide the Board with a full understanding of the financial impacts.

-Congratulations to the new members of the Board. If there is anything I or the staff can do to assist you in your efforts, please feel free to ask. We try to be very responsive and try to address issues as quickly as they come up. We all look forward to working with you and the remaining members of the Board.

-Collective Bargaining- I have been meeting actively with the Unions to negotiate new contracts. I will update you in Executive Session on the status of those discussions.

-Mariellen Murphy, Director of Finance stopped by today for a brief visit. As you all know she was hospitalized last week and was seriously ill. She seems better and is making progress toward a full recovery. As always, she is anxious to get back to her post. However, we are insisting that she curtail some of her activities until she regains her strength. We need her to get well as she is a significant contributor to the organization. Just the same, it was great to see her back in the building.

-Student Government Day was held on Wednesday, April 30 and it went exceptionally well. We found the students actively engaged in debate and they really seemed well informed on local issues. This is a great program for building our future civic leaders.

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