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To: Board of Selectmen
From: William G. Keegan, Jr., Town Administrator
CC: Assistant Town Administrator, Director of Finance, Management Assistant,
Administrative Assistant II
Date: January 20, 2012
Re: Town Administrator's Report

1. Early Snow Storm-The Goblins paid us an early visit this year with an early snow storm that dropped up to 3.5 inches in and around the Town of Dedham on Saturday Night into early Sunday Morning. The snow was not a major impact to the Town regarding mobility. Our DPW crews went out late Saturday Night and worked until mid-day on Sunday keeping Dedham's roads well treated throughout the storm. No outside contractors were utilized in this event. Tree damage and power outages were a different story. Some 1300 Dedham/NSTAR customers lost power during this storm. Many lost power during the early morning hours of Sunday, October 30th but most power was restored by the evening of October 31. Several members of the Town's staff assisted throughout Sunday and Monday trying to assist NSTAR in restoring services to Dedham residents. I do plan to do a debriefing on this storm following our Department Head meeting on Wednesday, November 2.
2. Hurricane Irene Storm Reimbursement-Several staff members also attended the MEMA Storm Reimbursement meeting held in Norwood on Monday. Dedham along with other communities in Norfolk County were declared eligible for up to 75% of the eligible costs associated with Tropical Storm Irene by FEMA in October. Storm related damage related to downed trees and limbs and costs associated with the deployment of personnel and equipment were all considered eligible for reimbursement to the Town by the Federal Government. Following Monday's meeting we will then wait to see how much the Town will actually receive for reimbursement.
3. State Aid Update-As expected, the Town was provided with the additional State Aid allotment of \$199,000 which was included in as supplemental Budget Bill that was approved by the legislature in June. These funds were anticipated as part of our Budget planning for this current fiscal year.

4. New Facilities Director- It is my pleasure to announce to the Board that we have made a selection with respect to Town's first combined Director of Facilities and Maintenance. The candidate's name is Taissir Alani. Mr. Alani (who will likely be in attendance at the Board's meeting on Thursday to hear the ESCO Update) holds an Electrical Engineering Degree from Northeastern University and holds a Master's Degree in Facility Management from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, was most recently employed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) as their Facilities Manager of Electrical Maintenance and Construction. He has won several awards for his creative design and excellent performance including employee of the year twice while employed by the MBTA. Mr. Alani, more often referred to as "T" by his associates, will be officially joining the Town on November 14.

5. Road Paving Status- I was hoping to have a report for the Board on the Streets that have been completed for this construction season and a report on those streets that will be finished in the Spring of 2012. I will have that information for you by Thursday at the Board's Meeting.

6. Special Town Meeting- Monday, November 7, 2011- Just a reminder that there will be a Special Town Meeting this coming Monday beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Dedham High School.

7. Marriage Under the Washington Portrait- Town Clerk Paul Munchbach was called into service on Monday, October 31 as a Justice of the Peace to marry a young couple. The Bride is a Dedham resident by the name of Fuada Kasollja and the Groom was young man from Forest Lake, MN by the name of Shane Alan Zowal. The couple will not be here long as they leave tomorrow for Georgia as Mr. Zowal completes his final training before being deployed to Afghanistan. Several staff members were witness to the nuptials that occurred shortly after 4:30 P.M. on Monday. My thanks go out to the staff members of the Town Clerk's Office who went the extra mile in providing flowers and bows for the railing below the Washington Portrait to help make it a special event for the family members who were present. The Town Clerk did a great job of presiding over this very happy event.