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October 30, 2015

To the Avon Community,

A second Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is scheduled for November 7th. The event will be held at the Simsbury Public Works Facility at 66 Town Forest Road and will be open from 8 a.m.-12:00 noon. Additional details are posted on the Town's web site.

As we are now at the fourth anniversary of Storm Alfred, I wanted to make you aware of the many resources regarding Emergency Preparedness that can be found on the Town's web site. Go to www.avonct.gov and under Departments click on Emergency Management. There you will find important resources that have been compiled by the Town's Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal, Jamie DiPace.

On October 14th, Avon was recognized at the Energize CT Clean Energy Communities Award Ceremony with the designation of a Silver Star. The award was given in recognition of the many actions the Town has taken to reduce its energy consumption. The Town Council formally adopted a "Comprehensive Energy Management Plan" in 2012. The Plan was prepared by the Avon Clean Energy Commission. The Plan is available on the Town's web site. Click on Boards & Commissions and then go to "Comprehensive Energy Plan" under links.

On October 22nd, a ribbon cutting was held at the Avon Middle School to formally mark the start of operations of the solar panels installed on the roofs of the High School, Middle School and Public Works Annex. The total size of the systems is 463 kW. It is estimated that over the next fifteen years, these systems will have the impact of reducing 3,907 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. This reduction is equivalent to taking 831 cars off the road or powering 667 homes. The estimated cost avoidance to the district for these systems is about \$280,000.

On October 29th, there was a formal groundbreaking for the Live Fire Training Facility to be located in Farmington. The need for a Live Fire Training Facility was identified at least ten years ago. Fundraising has been underway for about two years and the Towns of Avon and Farmington approved an agreement regarding the Facility earlier this year.

This is a great cooperative effort. In fact, Avon and Farmington were recognized with an award by the Capitol Region Council of Governments for their efforts on this project.

The Avon Library Farmer's Market will have a command performance/Holiday Edition on November 16th from 4-7 p.m. A number of vendors will be on site.

On the development front, you may be aware that the Avon Village Center Plan was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2012. The plan entails the development/redevelopment of a 92 acre property located in the Town Center owned by Ensign Bickford Realty. An application for the development of the project is currently pending before the Commission. The application describes a project consisting of in excess of 1 mm square feet of retail, office and residential construction.

The public hearing on the plan was closed on October 20th. It is anticipated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will continue to discuss the proposal at their next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for November 10th. Information on the proposed plan is available on the Town's web site by clicking on "Avon Village Center Master Plan."

In 2009, the Town updated its Natural Resource Inventory & Management Plan. The full plan can be viewed on the Town's web site. Go to www.avonct.gov. Go to the Recreation and Parks Department Page and click on Parks, Public Places and Facilities. This Plan guides the management of five properties owned by the Town of Avon including Alsop Meadows, Fisher Meadows Natural Area, the Found Land Conservation Area, the Huckleberry Hill Conservation Area and Hazen Park. Together the properties covered by this plan have a total of 722 acres, the largest being the Huckleberry Hill Conservation Area with over 282 acres, and the smallest being Hazen Park with just under 54 acres.

As part of The Town's continuing efforts to enhance and maintain the health, beauty and utility of the forests on the Huckleberry Hill Parcel, a timber harvest will be conducted in accordance with the Plan. The process is conducted with oversight by Ferrucci & Walicki. LLC, Forest and Land Management Consultants. All funds generated from active forest management improvement projects such as this are deposited to the Forest, Park and Open Space Management Fund.

A Study is underway to evaluate the feasibility of the realignment of a section of Old Farms Road such that it qualifies for a Category 1 of the Connecticut Programmatic General Permit, as administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Town has contracted with C&C Consulting Engineers to perform the study. The cost of the study is 90% reimbursable. We anticipate that the Consultant will conduct public information meeting (s) in the coming months.

In addition, the Town's consulting Engineer, WMC is working on the design of the "new" bridge connecting Old Farms Road to Waterville/Rt 10. The State is responsible for 100% of the cost of this project.

Additional information regarding both projects can be found on the Town's web site. Under Departments click on Engineering, Sewer and GIS Department and then click on the project link.

As always, please call or E-mail me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brandon Robertson
Town Manager