

## Town Update

### By Town Administrator Hamilton

- Meeting with staff to prioritize goals for completion before November of 2016
- The three new businesses that will be housed in the old Edgecombe Steel building are making great progress in their renovations. I estimate spring and early summer occupation of the building and yet more revenue for your town.
- The Slatersville Water Supply under the direction of Russ Carpenter has a RI Dept. of Health no violations letter this week. That is quite a feat and congrats to them! In addition the antenna on the tank on Comstock broke during the wind storm. It was quickly fixed. Fire had been notified to contact us before trying to hook up to any hydrant in the area.
- After almost 6 months of work, Senior Services and the town will be offering senior citizen events, trainings and classes. Thanks to Linda Thibault and senior services for working with me on the concept. Our first event: ZUMBA GOLD was a huge success!
- The Friends of the NS Shelter will be holding a fundraising event at Village Haven on March 20 at 5:30! They have a challenge from a donor of raising \$25,000 and the donor will match. Information can be found in the e news sent out weekly.
- Parks and Recs commission is also working on a number of things including the Easter Egg Hunt!
- Looks like Stone Arch bridge work will start in 2016 as they have suggested. Firm dates to come. We are working with businesses to give them heads up as things materialize.
- I met with Fidelity senior executives to address the negative comments made by certain residents at a town council meeting, about Fidelity employees, during the roundabout discussion. We are all set now. Fidelity is one of the companies I am working with for the bridge closing impact.
- IBPO negotiations are underway. We will proceed with working on language changes as well. We are losing police officers every year. They get trained and then leave for higher salaries. We are very low on the salary scale, but then again we are low salaries for all our staff. Mrs. Faricy from the Budget Committee is also on the negotiations team and I welcome her expertise!
- I met with RIDEM again to discuss wastewater situation with Woonsocket. We still have no agreement and certain members of the council refuse to sign. We have a November 2016 deadline before we are no longer part of that system. I have encouraged signing for several months, to no avail.
- The RIDEM trail grant for a walking path near Pacheco Park will be completed in March. DPW has cleared the entrance, which is toward the girls softball fields and we will hire someone to come in with small equipment to finish clearing the .6 mil path. Signs will be ordered and placed at the entrance and on the path. More to come as we get it in!!