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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen

From: William Ketcham, Town Administrator

Re: Town Administrator's August 14th-August 31st

Date: August 31, 2015

40 B Projects

A Meeting with Mass Housing on August 19th, 2015 was very helpful. Representative Dooley and Erin Hearn of Senator Ross's office joined Mr. McGovern, Ms. Torchia, our consultant Judi Barrett, Town Planner Paige Duncan, and myself. We met with Greg Watson, the Manager of the Comprehensive Permit program and Nancy MacDonald of the Government Affairs section. The Town's point of the administrative burden in managing three projects all at the same time was clearly made.

The Rosegate project, located off of Madison Street, applied for its comprehensive permit and the Zoning Board will likely schedule the hearing to open at its second meeting in September. This is conditional on the applicant's agreeing to extend a time period in the regulations.

Knuckup Hill Tower

The Hearing on the Verizon tower application is scheduled for the Planning Board meeting on September 2nd.

Johnson Grievance

On August 11th I heard Mr. Johnson's grievance in regard to the disciplinary penalty imposed on him by Superintendent Lavin. Mr. Johnson did not contest the just cause of the discipline, but only the penalty imposed. The Superintendent had suspended Mr. Johnson for thirty days, demoted him, and transferred him to the highway division as an equipment operator. I issued a decision denying the grievance and affirming the discipline imposed. Mr. Johnson on August 21st submitted his written grievance to bring his grievance before the Selectmen.

Recommended Action: That the Board schedule Mr. Johnson's grievance for a hearing before the Board at its next meeting, September 15, 2015.

Unemployment Hearing

On August 20th Finance Director Karen Jelloe and Town Accountant Jean Sarno testified at an Unemployment Insurance Hearing in the Town's appeal of the granting to unemployment compensation to an employee who had quit without notice. The appeal was successful and benefits were denied. Since the town is a reimbursement employer and not an insured employer this was a direct savings to the Town.

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Attachments