

## **Town Status Report - April 8, 2019**

**Bid Update on Drainage/Paving Project** – We discussed the drainage and paving project on South, Prospect and Webster Streets during our March 11, 2019 meeting. Bid responses were due April 3. Three companies picked up bid packets, but only one, S. U. R. Construction West, LLC from Winchester NH, bid on the job. The engineers estimate was \$443,008 and the bid is \$456,411. This is difference of \$13,403 or 3.0%. Rick has made inquiries and verified references. While we are disappointed to have only one bid, the contractor checks out and the overall difference is relatively small. There is no guarantee we would get additional bidders if we rebid the job. To avoid delay, staff recommends we accept the bid and award the job.

### **A few additional items:**

**Pool Update** – Work will be completed in two stages, but will not impact use of the pool:

Part 1 work prior to swim season will include water blasting, caulking and painting. This will start the end of this week, weather permitting.

Part 2 work will be done after season starts due to lead times for equipment. This includes the new pump, filter and chlorinator.

**Staff Retirement** – I am sorry to report that Fire Chief Jack Kelly has decided to retire effective August 1, 2019. We will start the search process immediately.