

# FIRST SELECTMAN COLUMN

01/12/2023 ISSUE DATE

There will be a Town Meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 10am in Mallory Town Hall to discuss and possibly approve three items: 1. the purchase of a new truck for Public Works; 2. the purchase of two new speed indicators in our constant effort to get drivers to slow down; 3, and whether to add a Commission For the Arts to Sherman's government. The Warning for this meeting is listed on the Town Website.

Also, on that same day (January 21) the Sherman School Building Committee will hold a public forum starting at 11am in the Sherman School. The purpose of this forum is to offer the public a chance to walk through the school and ask questions concerning the upcoming repair of the building. Members of the building committee along with Sherman School administrators will be on hand to field questions and concerns.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting, the first regularly scheduled BOS meeting of the year, will be on Thursday, January 26 at 7pm in Mallory Town Hall. Details and an agenda for that meeting will be forthcoming.

Since those frigid Christmas days and the subsequent power outages, we have been blessed with some mighty lovely weather. This has given Public Works supervisor Kris Fazzone and I a chance to go around Sherman roads with Eversource's tree arborist last week and pick out troublesome trees for Eversource to cut down. While there are a plethora of trees that could be deemed "ready to fall and take out wires", we identified some of the worst threats. We have also been removing troublesome trees using our own contracted services, and Public Works itself has been removing trees, too, as long as they are not next to wires. Ultimately, tree removal is a massive project but we keep knocking away at it.

We want to congratulate Dr. Pat Cosentino for being offered a three-year contract from the Board of Education to continue as our part-time Superintendent. Dr. Cosentino, along with her accompanying staff, has made a noticeably positive difference at the Sherman School and I'm happy the "interim" label is no longer applicable. If you haven't met Pat yet, you will have a great opportunity to do so at the Sherman School Building Committee Forum on January 21.

Well, I'm not making any ice fishing plans but there's still plenty of winter left, so who knows? Have a wonderful weekend!



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