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To: Mayor and Council
From: Dustan L. Russum
Public Works Director
RE: Monthly Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustan L. Russum", is written over the "RE: Monthly Report" line.

During the past month, the water, streets, and parks departments have been very diligent with completing the tasks as detailed. For example, trash is collected from the parks and street trash cans six times a week and now that summer is almost to an end, grass is still being cut once a week. In the water department, water samples are done everyday of the week and state samples are done once a month. The Public Works Department is also given the task of setting up and cleaning up any town meetings. There are several tasks that are completed for tracking, such as work orders, time sheets, and all water reports and readings are logged in and sent to the Department of Health.

The topic of the month is Cannery Village punch list, there are over 350 items on this list that I and Horsey Construction found wrong or needs to be fix. The punch list is now in the hands of Pennoni; Pennoni is the engineer that will be reviewing items on the list. They will not just be looking at the items on the list, but items that might have been over looked. Along with the punch list, I took a ride around the development in one of Milton's Fire Trucks. By doing this I wanted to see first-hand if emergency vehicles could maneuver, what I found out is that they can barely make it through, and if there were cars parked in some area, the trucks would not make it through at all. Here's the thing, the streets were put in per plans, and the town approved these plans so know the only thing that can be done is to paint the curbs yellow for no parking in these tight areas. I feel that this would be an easy fix to the problem. Know the first round about, I was told that since the curbing needs to get replaced; they would change that island by making the center island a little smaller making the travel lane larger. Along with these issues at Cannery, there was another problem with an intersection at Chestnut St. and Rt. 88. This is a busy intersection and cars pass through without even stopping. So to make this intersection better seen the Town's maintenance installed two 36 inch stop signs from witch used to be 30 inch stop signs, with the base of the sign being seven feet and reflective tape on the post. We hope that this makes this intersection safer.

In the upcoming weeks there are some projects in the works. One of these items is putting up all the snowflakes along Union St. and Federal St. along with the wreaths that go onto the lamp post. This usually takes a day or two to complete; we test everything before it goes out and replace all the bulbs that might be blown out. The next item on the list of to do is the flower beds in the parks, we will be trimming back all the bushes and trees, and getting all the weeds out of these beds that might be there. By doing this, hopefully this will speed up our process in putting in mulch in the spring. We are still working on painting all the curbs and fire hydrants; hopefully they will be completed by the end of the month. I have also been working on to see what the Town could do with well 5; I've been looking into seeing what would be our best option. One of the things I've been looking at is aeration; this process would help remove that rotten egg smell. But would be an ongoing maintenance and expense to the Town. So the next option would be to put in a new well, maybe if the well was in another aquifer, we may not have this issue, but by doing a new well there would only be a onetime expense,

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for example well 2 was installed in 1976 and there has been little work done to it. Along with working on the water issue, I've been working on the Union St. bridge issue, when I read into the document it states that it would be the Town responsibility to fix the sidewalks leading to and from the bridge. However I feel that there bridge is causing the settlement of the sidewalks. I have talked this over with Pennoni to get there impute and to see what can be done. They have handled items like this and have had a good success rate. I want to look at all of our options before we make a move on fixing the sidewalks.