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Dear Community,

We have made it to February and have found a significant amount of snow. Town and State crews have been working many hours to keep the roads clear. They will continue to move snowbanks back and improve road conditions.

The State's vaccination program has moved into phase two. Currently, the priority is seniors aged 75+. The State is working on setting up a phone line to make appointments, but the preferred method is online at www.mass.gov/vaccine. The Berkshire County information line is 413-339-5575.

Each week the state provides an update regarding COVID-19 numbers, high risk communities, and vaccination information. This can also be found at www.mass.gov. We have been fortunate not be labeled a high risk community in any reporting period but one. This is in part thanks to your efforts to wear a mask, keep a safe social distance, and wash your hands.

The Energy Committee asked me to forward information regarding the MassSave program. Home energy assessments can be completed at no cost to the homeowner. There are many current incentives. More information can be found at www.masssave.org.

The Town is moving forward with the budget process. Capital and budget requests have been submitted and will be reviewed by the Finance Committee, Select Board and myself. The debt for the new high school building project and broadband will begin to impact the budget, but I see no significant changes either on the expense or revenue side.

Broadband continues to be the most significant project in town. Significant work has been completed in fiber service area (FSA) 2 and construction will be occurring in FSA 1. There is still a long way to go, but the contractors and the Broadband Ad Hoc Group is working diligently. We thank you for your patience and support.

Please stay safe and healthy,

William Caldwell