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IBEW – Highway Negotiations: Local IBEW Highway bargaining group has approved the Town offer for a 3 year contract. Until we sign off on the agreement, the discussion is confidential, but it does include an average 3% increase in salaries over 3 years.

Creamery Street Building Fire: We are attempting to get an overall idea of what the Town garage may look like 10 years down the road. We have asked architect, Patrick Kane to help us and have passed on details of what could be housed there in the future. We want to build a new building that will allow us to add on in the future. We also want to know if we have enough space available to maintain the services we would need there – salt sheds, sand pile, gravel and stone.

Municipal Planning Grant (MPG): The Town has been awarded a \$16,000 grant to help with the efforts to locate an industrial expansion facility. This money will be used as a match toward a Federal Economic Development Administration grant.

Federal Economic Development Administration Grant: We are working on the final budget to fit the MPG money in as a match to funds and to locate additional matching resources to get the full \$30,000 of grant funding available for the project.

Vermont Community Development Program funds – Implementation Grant (IMG): The Town has been awarded a \$300,000 grant for improvements to Evergreen Manor Mobile Home Park. The paperwork for a sub-grant agreement with Lamoille Housing Partnership is with Bill Davies for his approval. Lamoille Housing can't access the funds until the sub-grant agreement is signed by the Town.

USDA Rural Development Loan: We have put together and submitted the documents to begin the evaluation process for a \$1.9 million dollar loan from the USDA. This work is done prior to a bond vote to obtain funding approval prior to the library bond vote, which should be held sometime this spring.

South Main Street Federal Earmark: The federal award for the earmark is \$900K, which means the project total is actually \$1,125,000 with the local match. The Agreement currently has a total of \$688,000. \$427,000 used for LVHT (1), \$650,000 LVHT (2), and \$48,000 for LVHT (3) the scoping study.