

Town Manager Report


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Summer Street Road Reconstruction Update

The Contractor has continued drainage installation throughout the winter with a small crew. It is anticipated that the drainage for the project will be complete by the end of March or beginning of April. The curb/sidewalk subcontractor is scheduled to return to the site in April as soon as the weather warms up sufficiently to begin concrete work. Pulverization east of the Baker's Brook bridge to the Leominster line is scheduled to begin by Mid-April. It is anticipated this portion of the roadway will be paved to intermediate grade by Memorial Day. At that point they will begin pulverizing the last section of the project in Leominster.

Reminder: Information Sessions about Community Solar

The informational sessions held by Nexamp on Community Solar will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. location in the Lunenburg MS Collaborative Room D132 and Saturday, April 13th at 10 a.m. in the Library.

Americans with Disabilities Committee

Now that the Town has received the Attorney General's approval of our bylaw changes from the November 2018 Special Town Meeting, the amended Americans with Disabilities Committee changes are in effect and the vacancies advertised. I have reached out to the two residents that were interested in joining the newly revitalized Committee and am asking for one Selectman to volunteer. Appointments can be made at the April 2nd Selectmen's meeting.

DLTA Application for ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission is currently accepting applications for District Local Technical Assistance that provides technical assistance to its communities. I am requesting a letter of support from the Board for MRPC to assist in updating our ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. I had applied for a grant through the Massachusetts Office of Disability this past fall but it was not granted. MRPC had provided the scope of work for that application and are familiar with the tasks that need to be accomplished.

Simultaneously, I know the Planning Board is interested in possibly submitting DLTA applications and if we need to prioritize our project submissions, I would work with them to ensure we identify our top priority.

Rental and Use of Space at the TC Passios Building

- **Revolving Museum:** The founder of the Revolving Museum, Jerry Beck, reached out to me this past week that he has recovered and would like to renew the efforts to use space at the TC Passios in exchange for community art programs. I will be working with Town Counsel on a use of the space agreement in exchange for in-kind services.
- **Extended Day Program:** The School Superintendent and I are continuing to discuss the possibility of moving the Extended Day program to the TC Passios by examining the costs of operating out of the TC Passios.

2020 U.S. Census Tract and Block Group Boundaries

This spring MRPC will update the census tract and block group boundaries for its member municipalities through the Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). Census tracts and block groups must be updated every ten years so they continue to adhere to population and housing unit thresholds established by the Census Bureau. MRPC is asking each member community to designate a municipal staff representative to provide them with information regarding recent developments that will inform the delineations. I am recommending the Land Use Director be the respondent to provide this feedback.

Recycling Education Campaign

As part of the Recycling Educational Campaign, I have been posting recycling tips on the Town Facebook page and will also be sent to the Lunenburg Ledger.

These include messages about cleaning plastic bottles, soda cans, and other items so they can be turned into new, usable products; that plastic bags and plastic wrap are not recyclable and are the Town's #1 contaminant; and that with the rise of online shopping more than 6.1 MILLION tons of cardboard a year is generated at home but only 36% of this is recycled.

These tips are received through MassDEP's Recycle Smart site and information about the Recycle Smart program is available on our website.

Town Facilities and Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs (TM Goal #2, Action ii)

An update on the maintenance and repair projects that in process and in the works:

- The Ritter Building HVAC project is almost complete. The funding for this project was through a previous year's capital article.
- The alarm system and security system is being upgraded at the Town Hall right now, as well as replacement of all old smoke detectors.
- The Cemetery Commission is requesting to transfer funds from Sale of Cemetery Lots at the Annual Town Meeting to the building materials to complete the building at North Cemetery.
- The DPW will undertake culvert repairs on Northfield Road and Sunset Lane this summer.
- The DPW will undertake repairs to the Townsend Harbor Bridge this summer.
- The DPW was just awarded the Small Bridge Grant for \$380,000 that will address repairing the structural deficiencies with this bridge, with an undetermined schedule at this moment.

Red Sox World Series Trophy Coming to the Eagle House

When

Sunday, April 7th, 2:30-4:30pm

Where

25 Memorial Drive Lunenburg, MA

More information

2018 Red Sox World Series Trophy Coming to the Eagle House Senior Community Center!

Sunday April 7, 2019

2:30-4:30PM

\$5 admission per family gets you in so you can snap a picture using your own camera with the trophy!

All proceeds will benefit the

Eagle House Supporters Inc.

The Eagle House Supporters are the 501c3 fundraising group who provide funding for programs at the senior center such as the Memory Café, furniture, kitchen supplies, arts and crafts instructors, writing classes, and health/wellness programs.

People of all ages and from surrounding communities are welcome to come!

Save the Date! Dementia Friendly Kick-Off Event

When

Monday, May 20th, 6pm

Where

Lunenburg Library

More information

This will be the big kick-off event for announcing that Lunenburg is in the process of becoming a recognized Dementia Friendly Community. Town officials, public, and legislators will be invited to attend, as well as an invitation to the Governor's Office and the Mass Council on Aging and Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Meetings:

- Town Counsel Office Hours will be March 28th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Finance Committee has a budget meeting with PACC at 7 p.m., on the Administration/Unclassified/Debt Service at 7:30 p.m. and on the ATM Warrant articles at 8 p.m. this Thursday in the Joseph Bilotta Meeting Room in Town Hall.
- I will be attending a MA Municipal Managers Association Meeting on March 21st in Boylston for part of the day and a Recycling Summit put on by MassRecycle on Monday.