

MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, AICP, Town Manager
Date: May 5, 2016
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) **County Road Traffic Test** - Starting Monday, May 16th, and continuing through Friday, May 27th, the intersection at Nashua Road and County Road in front of **Bedford High School** will become a temporary 4-way stop intersection.

In addition, on those same dates, the intersection of Liberty Hill Road and County Road in front of **McKelvie School** will also become a temporary 4-way stop intersection.

The Bedford Highway Safety Committee has been studying both of these intersections after numerous concerns raised by the community regarding traffic delays and crashes. Engineering studies were recommended for both intersections and after review of the initial traffic data it was determined by staff that a test of one of the potential solutions before school gets out would be important before the final recommendations were made.

For that two week period, temporary 4-way stop signs and traffic controls will be placed at both of these intersections.

- 2) The Bedford Town Playground on County Road will be closed on Tuesday, May 10th for annual maintenance.
- 3) The last day to make party affiliation changes prior to the September Primary is May 31, 2016. If you are currently registered as one party or the other you will need to vote in that party's primary unless you make a change before May 31st.
- 4) The State of NH Department of Transportation will be holding an informational meeting at BCTV on May 12th at 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM for anticipated bridge (culvert) rehabilitation work on Route 114 near the Old Bedford Road overpass.
- 5) The State of NH Department of Transportation will be holding an informational meeting at BCTV on May 18th at 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM for anticipated bridge (culvert) rehabilitation work on Route 101 at Pulpit Brook.
- 6) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day held on April 30th was very successful with an increase of 4,500 pounds of medication submitted over 2015 state wide.

Project Updates:

- 1) We continue to monitor and work on the PFOA water contamination issue. The only test results received since the last update were for 9 wells in Litchfield which showed 3 more homes above the 100 PPT threshold. DES has requested from the testing lab a schedule for

when each result will be completed due to the extended waiting period that has occurred. It is my understanding that the EPA will inform DES this week what the schedule will be for releasing the long term health advisory. Saint-Gobain has agreed to fund the design solution for extending municipal water to those impacted properties with private wells. I suspect more information to be available by the time of the Council meeting.

- 2) Library HVAC/Geothermal – The lower parking lot of the Library will not be available on Saturday May 14th while the connection between the well field and the building is completed. It is anticipated starting June 1st that the upstairs will be closed for approximately 3 weeks.
- 3) The Annex roof replacement is complete. The Town Hall Roof replacement will begin with scaffolding being erected on May 9th, and continue with chimney rebuilding May 16-27, roof shingle abatement the week of June 1st, and new shingles the week of June 6th. We expect the building to be closed the first two weeks of June.
- 4) Work on the new town website continues and the reveal of the preliminary website has completed with the staff members of the working group who are now making their recommended changes for presentation to the Manager. Staff training on use of the website will take place over a three day period May 10-12.

- 5) Wallace Road reconstruction continues and portions of the southern section will start to experience delays and closures over the coming days. The South River Road TIF Area improvements continue and significant progress has been made on the Eastman Ave bridge (see photo) installation which opened to travel by the end of the day Friday. The intention is to complete the TIF project including all final pavement on South River Road by June 1st. Work in the area of Old Bedford Road has progressed with the pavement of Galloway Lane, nearby Curtis Lane, and Curtis Court, as well as installing the rest of the curbing along Old Bedford Road including in front of Memorial School.



- 6) BCTV has started their station upgrade that will eventually provide the highest quality broadcast available to our TV and streaming viewers.
- 7) Personnel – The Fire Department and Police Department have each made conditional offers on their remaining open positions. However two police officers have indicated that they are likely to retire this year. The Finance Department and DPW are each working towards filling

their new positions that became available April 1st. The vacant Assistant Planning Director position has been posted and applications are starting to come in. An offer has been made to fill a GIS intern position that will help the Fire, Planning, and Public Works Departments this summer.

Events:

- May 7th – Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 AM – 1 PM, at the Town Highway Garage, 19 Chubbuck Road, Bedford residents only with a current transfer station sticker. Contact Public Works with questions at 472-3070.
- May 8th – Bedford Library closed for Mother’s Day.
- May 20th – 77th Annual Bedford Firemen’s Ball, 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner.
- May 23rd – Coffee & Classic Movie, 9:30 AM Bedford Library, “State Fair (1945)”.
- May 29th – Memorial Day Parade, 1:00 PM followed by a MIA Medial Award Ceremony and a NH National Guard Alumni Band Concert at 2 PM in the McKelvie School Cafeteria as well as a Bicycle Rodeo at the High School.
- May 29th – Bedford Library Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30th – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 9th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **May 11th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 12th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- May 12th – 7:00 PM NHDOT Meeting – Regarding Route 114 bridge work
- May 16th – 7:00 PM, WBNH-LPFM Board of Overseers
- May 17th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- May 18th – 7:00 PM NHDOT Meeting – Regarding Route 101 bridge work
- May 24th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- May 24th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- May 24th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **May 25th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 26th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission

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