

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Acting Town Manager  
Date: September 1, 2015  
Re: **Manager's Report**

---

## **News & Noteworthy:**

- 1) The Bedford Little League Team competed in the nationally televised New England Championship Game on August 16<sup>th</sup> in Bristol Connecticut losing a hard fought battle with perennial powerhouse Cranston, RI.
- 2) Patrolman Brandon Brown was sworn in on August 18, 2015.
- 3) Tammy Penny has been appointed to the position of Assistant Director of Finance & Personnel.
- 4) Jeff Foote, Town Engineer has been awarded the additional title of Assistant Director of Public Works.
- 5) Theresa Young will start as our Director of Finance & Personnel and Tax Collector on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) The Town Pool will close for the season on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, but remains open 3:00-7:00 PM during the week and Noon-5:00 PM on the weekend and Labor Day.
- 7) Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan – The State of NH has announced that Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will hold a Public Hearing in Bedford on the Ten Year Plan on September 21, 2015, at 7:00 PM, in the BCTV Town Meeting Room.
- 8) Olde Towne Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
- 9) Solar Up NH continues until September 30<sup>th</sup> for Bedford (and Goffstown) residents and businesses to take advantage of discounted pricing and flexible financing options for the installation of solar systems. Visit: <http://solarupnh.com/bedford-goffstown>
- 10) Town of Bedford, NH Facebook page has been launched and we have 172 likes and our posts have reached over 1,600 people in our first week.
- 11) New shielded microphones have been installed at the BCTV Meeting Room to hopefully eliminate audio interference.

## **Project Updates:**

- 1) Liberty Utilities has completed their gas main extension to the Memorial School and Old Bedford Road is scheduled to be paved on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Work on South River Road and Wallace Road remains on schedule.

- 2) 2016 CIP & Budget – The Department Heads have submitted their budgets. The draft facilities and project related portion of the CIP has been provided to the Planning Board and will be presented to the Council on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 3) Safety Substation – Meetings of the working group on this project are continuing and are focusing on the reasoning, statistics, design and staffing options, cost estimates, and marketing. A presentation will be made to the Council on September 9<sup>th</sup> to review their findings on need and station design.
- 4) Library HVAC/Geothermal project – The first well will be drilled on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to test the conductivity of the soil which is needed to be known for final design of the system.
- 5) Low Power FM Radio Station – The design and placement of the radio station tower was presented to the Historic District Commission on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6) Website Update – An RFP has been completed by our working group and responses are due September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) Chubbuck Road Communications Tower – The application for construction of the tower has been filed with the ZBA and a balloon test was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> to document the potential visual impacts. The ZBA will continue their review on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

**Events:**

- September 7<sup>th</sup> – Town Office and Library closed in honor of Labor Day.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Olde Towne Day.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Bedford Fire Department annual Blood Drive, 12:30 – 6:00 PM at the Safety Complex, 55 Constitution Drive.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- September 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- September 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Parks & Recreation
- **September 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water and Sewer Committee
- September 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- September 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board of Adjustment
- **September 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Joint School Board / Town Council Meeting**
- **September 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM GACIT Hearing**
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (workshop)

\* \* \* \* \*