

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: January 19, 2017  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## **News & Noteworthy:**

- 1) The registration period for open elected positions is January 25<sup>th</sup> through 5 PM February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Open Town Elected Positions:

- Two Town Council positions (3-year term)
- One Library Trustee (3-year term)
- One Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term)
- Town Clerk (3-year term)

### Open School District Positions:

- Two School Board positions (3-year term)

Any Bedford registered voter wishing to file for Office must do so by contacting Town Clerk Lori Radke at 472-3550. The clerk will be available during office hours at the Town Office Building, 24 North Amherst Road and until 5 PM. on the last day of filing.

As per RSA 669:19 candidates who file on the last day of the filing period shall do so in person before the Town Clerk.

- 2) The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold extra hours on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 7:30 PM for any new registrations or changes.
- 3) Bedford Citizen's Police Academy is accepting applications for this year's class which runs for 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:30 PM starting March 21<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available on the Police website.
- 4) Family Snowman Challenge – build a snowman in your own yard and submit a picture by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to challenge your friends and neighbors!

## **Project Updates:**

- 1) PFC water contamination - We continue to monitor and work on the PFC water contamination issue and a full staff report has been provided. As noted in the full report an additional home on Juniper Drive has received a test result in excess of 70 ppt and is now being provided with bottled water.
- 2) Mobile App – Work on our mobile application that was included as part of the new website is nearing completion and should be available to the public soon.
- 3) Union Negotiations – Agreement has been reached with the Fire Union negotiating committee and a ratification meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> in hopes of being able to

present it to the Council at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for inclusion in the budget and on the town meeting warrant.

**Events:**

- January 28<sup>th</sup> – Ice Fishing, 9-11 AM introductory class with ice fishing 1-4 PM. All equipment and materials provided and a fishing license is not required.
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30-4:00 PM, Bedford Library, “Random Acts of Harmony”.
- **February 7<sup>th</sup> – School System Deliberative Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Scrabble Night, 6:30-8:30 PM, Bedford Library.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater 2 PM “The Light Between Oceans”, and 6:30PM “The Girl on the Train”, Bedford Library.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – The Town Office Building, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed for Presidents Day.
- **March 14<sup>th</sup> – Local Election Day, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- **March 15<sup>th</sup> – Budgetary Town Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**

**Legislation:**

The following is a list/tracking of the bills that the Council requested or has taken a position on.

Bill No. Sponsor	Title	HOUSE			SENATE			Testimony
		Comm. Status	Comm. Action	Floor Action	Comm. Status	Comm. Action	Floor Action	
<b>HOUSE BILLS</b>								
<a href="#">HB173</a> Graham	Relative to the restriction of outdoor water usage	RR&D Hg 1/11 11:30 305 LOB						Verbal & Written <b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB254</a> Abrami	Relative to the membership of the Assessing Standards Board	ED&A WS 1/19 2:00 306 LOB						Written <b>Opposed</b>
<a href="#">HB323</a> Abrami	Relative to the powers and duties of the Assessing Standards Board	ED&A						<b>Opposed</b>
<a href="#">HB324</a> Abrami	Relative to the valuation of utility property	ST&E						Written <b>Opposed</b>
<a href="#">HB325</a> Murphy	Relative to the appointment of Town Clerks in Charter towns.	M&CG						<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB342</a> Gould	Relative to establishing a commission to study of MS4 from EPA to DES	E&A						<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">HB437</a> Murphy	Relative to allowing law enforcement officer authority in another jurisdiction	M&CG						<b>Support</b>

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee

- January 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **January 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- January 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- **February 7<sup>th</sup> – SAU 25 Deliberative Session**
- **February 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM Public, Town Council**
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission

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