

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: March 2, 2017  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## **News & Noteworthy:**

- 1) The last day to register to vote or to make name and address changes prior to the March 14<sup>th</sup> Election is Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The Town Office Building will be open extra hours on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 PM only for the purpose of voter registration and changes. Residents may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office Building until 5 PM on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Absentee Ballots must be delivered in person to the town Office Building by 5 PM on March 13<sup>th</sup>, or received in the Town Office Building by US Mail by 5 PM on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Sample Ballots are available on the Town Website <https://nh-bedford.civicplus.com/513/Sample-Ballots>

- 2) The Town Budgetary Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the High School Auditorium at 7 PM. An informational handout for this meeting is available on the Town Website which includes details on the three articles that will be considered (police contract, capital reserve fund, and the town budget). <https://www.bedfordnh.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1914>
- 3) Registration for Camp Witzel summer camp and other summer camp programs are now open and information is available through the Recreation page of the Town Website <http://bedfordreonline.com/info/activities/>

## **Project Updates:**

- 1) 2017 Roads Program – The Department of Public Works will be holding an Open House on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11:30AM- 1:30PM at the Bedford Town Hall to hear any existing roadway concerns such storm water drainage, intersection sight distance, etc. in the area of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Wilkins Street, Hilltop Drive, Plymouth Street, and Worthly Road. They will also be discussing the potential for connecting 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with and Hilltop Drive, and vehicle turn-arounds at the ends of Plymouth Street and First Street. To view the preliminary design plans. Please visit <http://www.bedfordnhroads.com/> then click "Projects".
- 2) Town Website – The Bedford mobile application has been approved by staff for approval by Apple and Google and will be available to the public as soon as it released by those organizations.
- 3) Legislation - The Staff, Councilors, and I have been busy preparing and providing written and verbal testimony on numerous pieces of legislation over the last several weeks and many additional hearings are scheduled over the coming weeks. A separate legislative tracking document has been provided.

- 4) PFC water contamination - We continue to monitor and work on the PFC water contamination issue and a full staff report has been provided however no new information has been received since the last update. I have also been notified that Saint-Gobain has requested a proposal from Pennichuck to provide public water to the original 64 properties utilizing MVD water but nothing official has been released by NHDES.
- 5) Drought – There have been no changes in the drought index during the last two week period and a separate staff report has been provided that contains the latest mapping.

**Events:**

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Roads Program Open House, Town Hall, 11:30 AM -1:30 PM.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30-4:00 PM, Bedford Library, “Neiho – Irish Harp”.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater 2 PM, Bedford Library, “Jackie”.
- **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.**
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, “Florence Foster Jenkins”.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- **March 6<sup>th</sup>**– 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission (Previously February 28<sup>th</sup>)
- March 7<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- **March 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Budgetary Town Meeting**
- **March 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM, Town Council Volunteer Interviews**
- **March 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **March 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM, Town Council Retreat**
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission

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