

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: June 21, 2017  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## **News & Noteworthy:**

- 1) A Ribbon Cutting Celebration for the Library Geothermal HVAC System was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 9 AM.
- 2) The Bedford Pool and Splash Pad are now open for the season with open swim between 11 AM-7 PM on week days and noon to 5 PM on weekends and holidays.
- 3) Tax bills have been issued and need to be paid by July 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid any interest.
- 4) Open enrollment for town employees is underway and a series of informational meetings are being held and information packed newsletter tailored to union and non-union members was created and distributed.

## **Project Updates:**

- 1) The Library septic issues of 2016 have returned and DPW is working with an engineering firm to develop a solution that likely will require closing of the building for an extended period of time (likely in August). Repairs will include jackhammering the lower level floor and replacing the failed drain line under the building. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.
- 2) The initial review of the emergency communications radio equipment has been completed and a summary/presentation will be provided to the Council when it is finalized later this year.
- 3) Paving Recreation Parking Lot – A separate staff report has been provided with recommendations for the anticipated ordinance changes needed to implement the student parking permit program. A notice to students and families was sent by the Superintendent of Schools notifying them of the program. DPW continues to advance the engineering related work for construction and has been able to confirm that the proposed drainage related improvements will be able to be completed while meeting the environmental restrictions on the property.
- 4) Town Wide Revaluation – The project remains on schedule with the anticipated release of updated values in late July with approximately two weeks of hearings with residents and business owners taking place thereafter. Bill Ingalls will be providing an update on this project as well as Veteran and Elderly exemptions at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- 5) Roads Program – Work is underway on the Gault Road, Maple Drive, and Patten Road project which includes having Gault Road between John Goffe Drive (the roundabout) and Dunnington Way (Liberty Hill Road) closed through mid-July. The side roads abutting Wallace Road are being paved this week and Wallace Road will be paved in the next week.

Design work on Pulpit Road, Liberty Hill Road, and North Amherst/Campbell Road are all underway. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at [www.bedfordroads.com](http://www.bedfordroads.com)

- 6) Personnel: The first meetings with the Police and Fire unions have been held with proposals being reviewed by both sides and additional meetings are scheduled in June and July. A first meeting with the DPW union is still pending confirmation. Firefighter Curtin has filed a letter of resignation as he has accepted a position with the City of Concord, NH. We have advertised our new equipment operator position in DPW.

**Events:**

- Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park Series are at 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand. Concerts continue on Thursday nights through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Rain location for all performances is the Bedford Town Hall.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – T-Bone the Pied Piper Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Manchester Community Music School Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Independence Day.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- ~~June 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee - CANCELLED~~
- ~~June 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission – CANCELLED~~
- **June 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Committee
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, BCTV Board of Overseers
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **July 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, WBNH-LPFM Radio Board of Overseers
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
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