

MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, AICP, Town Manager
Date: September 6, 2017
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement a new driver licensing system in October to replace the current system. Implementation of the new system will make it so no registrations can be completed between Friday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 10th.
- 2) The Kensington Woods workforce housing complex with 41 units at the corner of Meetinghouse Road and Kensington Lane has received a certificate of occupancy. The new Murphy's Taproom Restaurant and Carriage House event facility has opened at the former Weathervane Restaurant site on Route 101.
- 3) The town wide property revaluation is complete which resulted in a growth of approximately \$475M of total valuation.
- 4) At their August 28, 2017 meeting the School Board was informed that their \$1.43 anticipated tax rate increase presented during the budget process has now been recalculated to be a \$0.43 decrease. It is my general understanding the savings is as a result of one time state reimbursement due to a lawsuit and the use of surplus funds.
- 5) The recent work on New Boston Road is not a town project as New Boston Road is a state road. We have been informed that full re-pavement of the road is scheduled for 2019. Questions and concerns with the project should be directed to the DOT District 5 office at 485-9526.
- 6) Our police department has now received training in the use of the overdose reversal drug Narcan and it has been placed in our police vehicles.

Project Updates:

- 1) 2018 CIP & Budget – The Department Heads have submitted their department goals, CIP, and staffing requests, and budget requests. The CIP has been reviewed by the Planning Director, Finance Director, and Manager and a draft will be provided to the Planning Board and Council in September.
- 2) Paving the recreation parking lot & student parking permit program has been successfully implemented without any significant issues. 35 spaces remain out of the 177 that were available and we expect those to be sold in the coming weeks. We do ask that students continue to display their permit on their rearview mirror with the printed side facing out.



- 3) Roads Program – The Gault Road, Maple Drive, and Patten Road project is nearing completion and Patten Road is now open. The Worthy Road and abutting streets reconstruction has restarted. Work on the Campbell Road/Amherst Road intersection realignment will be initiated next week. Design work on Pulpit Road, and North Amherst/Campbell Roads are all underway. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at www.bedfordroads.com
- 4) Personnel: Officer Frank graduated the Police Academy on August 25th. We have advertised the Town Engineer position and our new equipment operator position has been filled by an internal candidate meaning that a truck driver position is now open in DPW. A decision on advertising the Deputy Fire Chief will be made soon.

Meetings with the Police and Fire unions are ongoing. A first meeting with the DPW union has been scheduled for next week.

Events:

- September 17th – Movie Matinee, “Gravity”, Bedford Public Library, 2-4 PM.
- September 23rd – Olde Towne Day, 10 AM – 3 PM.
- September 24th – The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, Fall Fair, 1-5 PM.
- October 7th – Household Hazardous Waste Day, Highway Garage, 19 Chubbuck Road, 9 AM – 1 PM.
- October 10th – The Bedford Fire Department Open House, 5-8 PM at the Safety Complex, 55 Constitution Drive.



Upcoming Meetings:

- September 11th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- September 12th – 7:00 PM, Parks & Recreation Commission
- **September 13th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 14th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- September 19th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- September 25th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (workshop)
- September 26th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- September 26th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **September 27th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 28th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission

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