

MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: February 16, 2017
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The last day to register to vote or to make name and address changes prior to the March 13th Election is Saturday, March 3, 2018. The Town Office Building will be open extra hours on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 11-11:30 AM only for the purpose of voter registration and changes. Residents may also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.
- 2) Officer Danielle Nightingale was named "Law Enforcement Partner of the Year" by the NH Retail Association which as presented by Attorney General Gordon MacDonald.
- 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 20th. Applications are available on the Police website.
<https://bedfordnh.org/FormCenter/Police-Department-6/Citizen-Police-Academy-Application-58>
- 4) Reminder that Transfer Station stickers are required to access the facility and they can be picked up at the Transfer Station with a driver's license and car registration. Approximately 5,900 stickers have been issued through our recent ramped up enforcement program.
- 5) Zoning Amendments – The Planning Board has moved 8 zoning amendments to the March ballot including 3 citizen's petition zoning amendments. The amendments can be viewed on the Town Website: <https://nh-bedford.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2605>
- 6) Sample ballots for election day March 13th can be viewed on the Town Website at: <https://bedfordnh.org/513/Sample-Ballots>
- 7) The Warrant and Budgetary Town Meeting handout have been completed and have been posted on the Town Website for the public's review.
<https://nh-bedford.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2756>
- 8) Robo Call Warning – We have been made aware that people may have received calls indicating that they are from the Town of Bedford and may be showing actual Town phone numbers. Please know that the vast majority of these types of calls are scams and if you received one tied to the Town in any way it likely is a scam.
- 9) School Vacation Week – If you are looking for things to do during February school vacation week I encourage you to check out all the activities being put on at our Library. Everything



from story time to Magformers, to candy science, to journaling, to a movie, to family pajama storytime with stuffed animal sleepover.

Project Updates:

- 1) LED Street Lighting – The conversion of our town’s street lights to LED was completed this week. While you still may older fixtures along Route 101, Route 3, and the Turnpike those are operated by the State of NH. We expect that payback of the program to be approximately 2 years. There are a handful of fixtures that require coordination with Eversource which will be completed as soon as possible.
- 2) Facilities Study – The committee has narrowed the overall concepts for the future of all of our facilities down to three options that will be presented to the Council once schematic floor plans are completed for the primary buildings and once more detailed cost estimates can be developed and reviewed by a third party. It is expected this next round of work will take approximately two months to complete and therefor will be presented following the March elections.
- 3) 2018 Roads Program – The Department of Public Works has received the bids for the next phase of the Roads Program and will be making a recommendation to award the contract at the March Council meeting.
- 4) Cable TV Franchise Agreement – The management team from BCTV has progressed a draft 10 year franchise agreement with Comcast as the current agreement expires at the end of 2018. We anticipate having a public hearing on the agreement at the next BCTV Board of Overseers meeting prior to directing the final agreement to the Council, but if anyone has questions about the process please feel free to reach out at any point.



Events:

- February 18th – Adult & Senior Movie Matinee 2 PM “Ladies in Lavender” at the Library.
- February 19th – The Town Office Building, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed for Presidents Day.
- February 20th – Bedford Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, 10 AM, Safety Complex.
- February 21st – “Marijuana – The Gateway Debate”, presented by BeBold, 7-8 PM, Bedford Library.
- February 28th – Movie Matinee for Kids, “Coco”, 2-4 PM, Bedford Library.
- February 28th – School Board Candidates Forum, hosted by the Bedford Men’s Club, 7 PM, BCTV Meeting Room.
- March 4th – Sunday Library Concert Series, “Fonn, Irish Music”, 2:30-4 PM, Bedford Library.

- March 7th – “Hiding in Plain Sight” – A Social Media/Human Trafficking Summit, 6:30 PM, Manchester Christian Church, 56 Old Bedford Road.
- **March 13th – Local Election Day, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- **March 14th – Budgetary Town Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**
- March 18th – Adult & Senior Movie Matinee 2 PM “The Visitor” at the Library.
- March 20th – “Until Help Arrives”, presented by Bedford CERT, 6:30-8:30 PM, Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, 190 Meetinghouse Road.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 20th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **February 21st – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- February 22nd – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- ~~February 26th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board~~
- February 27th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- ~~February 27th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission~~
- ~~March 6st – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission~~
- March 8th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- March 12th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **March 13th – 7:00 AM-7:00 PM, Elections/Voting**
- **March 14th – 7:00 PM, Budgetary Town Meeting**
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