

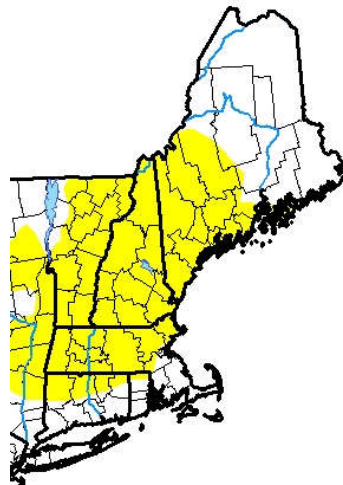
MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: June 24, 2018
Re: **Manager's Report**

News & Noteworthy:

- 1) **Drought likely:** According to the U.S. Drought Monitor the entire state of New Hampshire has been categorized as abnormally dry and the 3-Month Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts that drought development is likely. Over the last 60 days, the majority of the state has received approximately 50% expected precipitation. NHDES urges the public to be conservation-



Intensity:

	D0 Abnormally Dry
	D1 Moderate Drought
	D2 Severe Drought
	D3 Extreme Drought
	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

- 2) Route 101 – This week NHDOT will be completing night work along Route 101 in the project area between Wallace Road and Constitution Drive during the hours of 8 PM to 6 AM. Travel will be impacted with having alternating one lane traffic.
- 3) The EPA will be holding the first of five national sessions on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Exeter on Monday, June 25th 4:30 - 10 PM and Tuesday, June 26th 8 AM – 3 PM. The event will take place at the Exeter High School, 1 Blue Hawk Drive (off of Route 27, take Route 101 to Exit 8).
- 4) On Friday June 22, 2018 Saint-Gobain through Pennichuck awarded both the water main and water service connection contracts. I hope to have a schedule for the start of work this week but I expect the water main contractor will mobilize immediately.
- 5) **Glass Recycling must be separated from all other recycling by July 17, 2018** due to changes in recycling market and out contract with our vendor. Blue bins for glass have been provided adjacent to the single stream recycling compactors.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Tax bills have been issued and need to be paid by July 2nd to avoid any interest.

Project Updates:

- 1) 2018 Roads Program – Work on Pulpit Road and the Bedford Three Corners area, High Street, a short segment of Holbrook Hill Road have all received base pavement. Crews will move on to Gage Road and Pheasant Run then eventually to the Sebbins Pond and Sandy Pond Parkway areas where gas mains are currently being installed. The Cider Mill Road Bridge project bids have been received and that work is anticipated to start in August. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at www.bedfordroads.com
- 2) The contractor for the Riley Field project has indicated that that the grading work will be completed by the end of June.
- 3) Personnel: Our open Assistant Forman position at the Transfer Station has been filled. The selection committee has reviewed the 160 applications for our DPW Business Manager position and the top 4 candidates were interviewed by committee who recommended 2 candidates for a second interview with the DPW Director and Town Manager which will take place on Monday. We continue to have openings for police officers and dispatchers that we are actively trying to fill.

Events:

- Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park Series are at 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand. Concerts continue on Wednesday nights through August 16th. Rain location for all performances is the Bedford Town Hall.
- June 26th – The Library will be dedicating their new Young Adult area, 4 PM. The project was funded by the Bedford Library Foundation
- June 27th – Public Forum on Becoming an Age-Friendly Community, Bedford Library, 5:30 PM.
- June 27th – “Manchester Community Music School” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- July 4th – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Independence Day.
- July 11th – “Bel Airs” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- July 12th - Thursday Theater, “Finding Your Feet” 2:00 PM and “Chappaquiddick” at 6:30 PM
- July 18th – “Ron Eskins – Tribute Show to Neil Diamond” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.

Upcoming Meetings:

- June 25th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- ~~June 26th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee~~
- June 26th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission

- **June 27th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- June 28th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- July 10th – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- July 12th – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Committee
- July 16th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- July 17th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **July 18th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- July 19th – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee
- ~~July 19th – 11:30 AM, BCTV Board of Overseers~~
- July 23rd – 11:30 AM, WBNH-LPFM Radio Board of Overseers
- July 24th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- July 24th – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- July 26th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission

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