

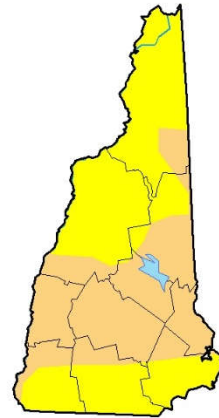
MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: July 13, 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-minded and to begin limiting outdoor water use, including refraining from landscape watering and limiting any watering to between 7pm and 8am. Also, NHDES recommends residents suspend other outdoor water uses such as power washing, washing cars, and washing down large surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks.



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.

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- 2) **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.



- 3) The water main contractor has started working on the project that will bring water from County Road to Back River Road, Smith Road, and Greenmeadow Lane. Residents should expect road closures and delays in the work zones along the route.

- 4) 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.

- 5) Our sewer vac truck has been delivered and the crews put it to use right away. Watch for it to come to a catch basin, manhole, or culvert near you.



- 6) The Student Parking program will be completed in the same manner this year as last year. All students need to apply through the High School application process which closes in mid August at which point we will be provided with the list of students who did not get spaces on campus who will have the first opportunity for spaces



within the town lots. Any student with a license will be eligible to obtain a permit within the town lots at any point in the school year if a space is available. The permit hangtags are color coded to the color that has been assigned to the lot by the ordinance. The program worked very well in 2017 and have no expectation of issues this year. Last year all licensed students who wanted permits at the start of school were able to be accommodated and all the permits were issued by mid October. After watching the pool parking lot during the fall and winter we did open 9 additional spots to those on the waiting list for the last few months of school and those spaces will be available from the start this year.

- 7) Our Planning Department survey on how we can make Bedford more livable for people of all ages continues online at www.tiny.cc/PlanBedford

Project Updates:

- 1) 2018 Roads Program – Work on Pulpit Road and the Bedford Three Corners area continues with replacement of several culvert crossings prior to the overlay being placed. Unfortunately most of the culverts in the development have failed even though they are only 25 years old because of the materials that were used at the time and which are no longer allowed. Campbell Road received its finish 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 work is anticipated to start in August. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at www.bedfordroads.com

- 2) The Riley Field sod has been installed bringing that project to near completion. The outfield fence is scheduled to be reset this week and some final grading and seeding will be completed around the dugouts. Play will not be permitted on the field as the sod needs to develop its root system prior to active play.



3) Work on the new trail and bridge near the mill site at the Pulpit Rock Conservation are progressing well with volunteers assisting our contractor in various aspects of the project.



4) Personnel: Our DPW Business Manager position has been filled by a Goffstown resident with significant previous experience with the City of Concord, NH. We continue to have openings for dispatchers and police officers that we are actively trying to fill and have three potential police officer candidates, two which come with experience and one that would need to go through the academy. Our open firefighter position as a result of the promotion of Captain Selleck has been filled and pinning ceremony is being scheduled for mid August.

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 15th. Rain location for all performances is the Bedford Town Hall.
- July 18th – “Ron Eskins – Tribute Show to Neil Diamond” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- July 25th – “4EVERFAB” – The Beatles Nicely Played Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- July 27th – Touch-a-Truck, Bedford Public Library, Bedford Village Common, 1-2 PM. Come see Bedford Police, Fire, and Public Works vehicles.
- August 1st – “Windham Community Band” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- August 7st – National Night Out at 6 PM, Slevoski Field with a softball game between Bedford Fire and Police Departments.
- August 8th – “Knock on Wood” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.
- August 15th – “The North River Band” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common, Market Basket Bandstand.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 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
- **August 6th – 7:00 PM, Town Council (potential - facilities)**
- August 7th – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- August 9th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- August 13th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **August 15th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- August 16th – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee
- **August 20th – 7:00 PM, Town Council (potential - facilities)**
- August 21st – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- August 23rd – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- August 27th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- August 28th – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
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