

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: July 11, 2019  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## News & Noteworthy:

- 1) NHDES has announced sharply lower PFAS limits for public water supplies for consideration by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) at their next meeting July 18, 2019 (9 AM, Room 306, Legislative Office Building). If approved by JLCAR, the new rules are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2019.

Compound	New	Previous	Latest Cabot Preserve Reading
<b>PFOA</b>	12	38	9.88
<b>PFOS</b>	15	70	<1.80
<b>PFNA</b>	11	23	
<b>PFHxS</b>	18	85	

NHDES has made this recommendation based on the most recent science available mostly developed by the State of Minnesota and with a better understanding of the transfer of these compounds through the placenta and how it concentrates in breastmilk and therefore the increased impacts it can have on a developing fetus and nursing children. These numbers also are based on the assumption that exposure to these compounds is 50% from drinking water. While significant strides are being taken in the USA to limit use of these compounds they are still highly unregulated in other countries and can make their way into our everyday lives by the products we use. Other exposure to PFAS compounds can come from cosmetics, waterproofing materials, dust, soil, and air as well as other sources. These are only 4 compounds out of approximately in the 4,700 PFAS family. The most recent readings for the water entering the Greenfield Farms and Cabot Preserve area, which is fed off of the Merrimack Village Water District system, was 9.88 ppt for PFOA, however readings have consistently been between 12 and 29 over the last year. There is not believed to be a concern for the other compounds. It is still undetermined how this will impact Bedford Residents on private wells if these standards become law, but the State has developed a series of FAQ's and fact sheets that can be reviewed on their website.

- 2) The Bedford Pool and Splash Pad are 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) 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. Town permits are expected to be issued starting August 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 2018 and we 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 early October.

- 4) Nearly 1,000 people are participating in the Library's Summer Reading programs for kids, teens, and adults.
- 5) Just a reminder that the town is completing a re-evaluation process this year and preliminary values will be mailed to each taxpayer on or around the first of August. As part of that mailing you will receive information about how to schedule a hearing should you want to question your assessment. It is important that you do not estimate your projected tax bill based on our current tax rate as it will change based on several factors. With the 2017 update the average assessment went up 15% and the tax rate went down 15%.

#### **Project Updates:**

- 1) 2019 Roads Program – Work Continues on Liberty Hill Phase 1 and is anticipated to be paved on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Phase 2 has also started and there is local access only between the McKelvie Intermediate School and Highland Farms Drive. The Donald Street project continues with blasting taking place on Savoie Street. The State has started a paving project on New Boston Road but we have no schedule for when it will be completed. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at [www.bedfordroads.com](http://www.bedfordroads.com)
- 2) Document Management – The first department (DPW) went live on July 2<sup>nd</sup> after an initial training that took place at the end of June. The remaining departments will receive individual training and go live in the coming weeks.
- 3) Time & Attendance – Meetings between the town and vendor have been reinstated and the Police Department is trying to resolve issues found with the advanced scheduling module. Implementation will continue as soon as possible.
- 4) Personnel: We are still in need of certified lifeguards for the summer. We currently have 8 openings in the Police Department however 2 candidates are expected to be sworn in later this month and 4 other candidates look promising. Our vacant Finance Clerk position has

been filled by Ashlee Schoff one of our front window clerks so that position is now advertised. Our Assistant Foreman at the Transfer Station who had given notice has agreed to stay on. The BCTV Production Manager and Engineering/GIS Technician positions have been filled and the applicants will be starting in the next few weeks. The Fire Chief's position has been filled pending Council confirmation.

#### **Events:**

- Wednesday Night Concerts in the Park Series are at 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common. Concerts continue on Wednesday nights through August 21<sup>st</sup>. Rain location for all performances is the Bedford Town Hall.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – “2KeyLa” (Jazz guitar duet) Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Historical Society Car Show, 10 AM-2 PM, Bedford High School.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – “Windham Community Band” – Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Touch-a-Truck, Bedford Public Library, Bedford Village Common, 1-3 PM. Come see Bedford Police, Fire, and Public Works vehicles.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – “Judy Pancoast” – Children’s Concert in the Park, Noon, at the Bedford Village Common.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – “Bel Airs” – Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Chief Scott Wiggin Retirement Celebration, 5-8 PM, Manchester Country Club. Tickets available at: [www.bedfordfirenh.org](http://www.bedfordfirenh.org)
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out at 6 PM, Selvoski Field with a softball game between Bedford Fire and Police Departments.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – “Sixties Invasion” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday Theater, “The Public” 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – “Bryan Conway” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – “Hickory Horned Devils” Concert in the Park, 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- ~~July 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board~~
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **July 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM, Town Council site walk at the Stevens Buswell Building**
- **July 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee

- July 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, BCTV-WBNH Board of Overseers
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
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