

# MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager, CPM, AICP  
Date: September 19, 2019  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## **News & Noteworthy:**

- 1) 97.7% of all the dogs in town are now registered and the Town Clerk and Animal Control Officer continue to track down the remaining 93 dogs. Please register your dog if you have not already done so.

## **Project Updates:**

- 1) 2019 Revaluation – The Assessing Department along with their consultant team have completed the revaluation process after holding 280 hearings with concerned property owners. Assessor Ingalls will be providing a full update on the value changes at the September 25, 2019 Council meeting but it appears the median residential increase will be approximately 7% and commercial will be 4%. These numbers reflect the continued strong value and interest of people wanting to live and work in Bedford.
- 2) 2020 CIP & Budget – The Department Heads have completed their proposed budgets and review meetings are being held with the Manager and Finance team. Work continues on revenue projections, fund balance standing, and the tax impacts of requested elements and programs. The CIP was provided to the Planning Board at their September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be presented to the Council on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The CIP remains a flexible document throughout the budget process.
- 3) 2019 Roads Program –Liberty Hill Road Phase 3 is scheduled to be paved on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Donald Street project continues to make progress but has been slowed by the amount of ledge encountered. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at [www.bedfordroads.com](http://www.bedfordroads.com)
- 4) Transfer Station Access – This project has been initiated with tree clearing and stump removal and blasters will be working on the ledge in the coming weeks. The contractor anticipates to have a crew actively working on the site starting Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The DPW team has developed a temporary access plan that will allow us to continue to make use of the existing Transfer Station throughout the project.

## **Events:**

- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, Fall Fair, 1-5 PM.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – BeBold Speaker Series, "Accomplished, Award-Winning, and Addicted" Bedford Library, 7 PM.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Library Concerts & Cookies Series, Baza – country and blues music featuring guitar and harmonica, 2:30-4:00 PM.

- October 8<sup>th</sup> – The Bedford Fire Department Open House, 5-8 PM at the Safety Complex, 55 Constitution Drive.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, Safety Complex, 9 AM.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – Library will be closed to the public for staff training; all other facilities will be open. The Transfer Station will be closed as is typical on Mondays.



**Upcoming Meetings:**

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (workshop)
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM, Library Board of Trustees
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **September 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, BCTV-WBNH Board of Overseers
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water and Sewer Committee
- **October 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
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