

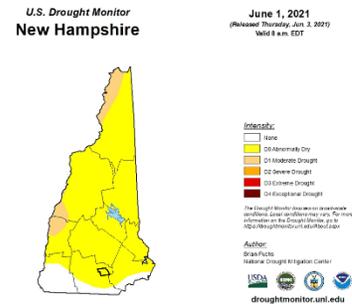
MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: June 3, 2021
Re: **Manager's Report**



News & Noteworthy:

- 1) COVID-19 Pandemic – Bedford has seen a decrease in the number of cases with **4 or less current COVID-19 positive patients**. This is a reflection of the community taking common sense precautions and getting vaccinated and I applaud the public's efforts and patience throughout the pandemic.
- 2) Planning Director Becky Hebert has been named 2021 Professional Planner of the Year by the NH Planners Association. This is a tremendous honor and is a reflection of her excellent work and lasting impact on Bedford, Concord, and Windham where she has served.
- 3) Drought conditions in NH have again declined slightly over the last two weeks with Bedford and almost all of the state now being in the area that is defined as "Abnormally Dry". We ask Bedford residents to be mindful of their water consumption until conditions improve.
- 4) PFAS – NHDES and Saint Gobain are testing a large number of private wells in southeastern Bedford but unfortunately they have not announced any remediation steps yet while they wait for more data. If you have received a request for well testing from Golder Associates it is critical that you sign the agreement and return the paperwork as soon as possible.
- 5) Bedford Memorial Pool – The pool is scheduled to open on Father's Day, June 20th. Seasonal pool passes are available through the Recreation Department at single \$75, family \$125, and family with baby sitter \$145. Passes are free for those over 60 years of age. Due to COVID protocols, use of the pool will be restricted to those who have signed up in advance through the recreation website.
- 6) Tax bills have been mailed with a July 1st due date. The first bill of the year is based on the tax rate set in 2020 with property valuation updates made for any changes to the property completed by April 1, 2021. If you have not received your bill you should contact the tax office.
- 7) New Boston Road – We have been notified that Eversource will be completing a pole replacement project and installation of 3-Phase power along New Boston Road. This work will also result in additional tree clearing along the route.



- 8) The Bedford Farmers Market opens June 15th and continues on Tuesdays from 3-6 PM until October at Primary Plaza parking lot.

Project Updates:

- 1) 2021 Roads Program – Old Mill Road has progressed into blasting of rock and ledge and the installation of drainage. Fosters Place is nearly ready for base pavement.
- 2) Sportsman Field – Reconstruction is nearing completion with the fencing and paving elements having been installed this week.



- 3) Library Lighting – The contractor has completed approximately 80% of the LED lighting conversion project. While physically there is not much change to the building the improved lighting and energy savings are impressive.



- 4) Personnel – There are currently 4 openings in the Highway Department. The Police Department now has 4 with the announced retirement of Captain Scott Plumer. Our Associate Planner position has been filled by Kathleen Ports, a Bedford resident and recent appointment to the Conservation Commission (she will resign that appointment). Interviews for our Accounts Payable position have been completed and a conditional offer has been made.

Events:

- June 5th – Bedford High School Graduation, 10 AM.
- June 19th – Household Hazardous Waste Day, 8:30 AM – 3 PM, Highway Garage, 19 Chubbuck Road.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ~~June 8th – 7:00 PM, Park & Recreation~~

- **June 9th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- ~~June 10th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee~~
- June 14th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- June 15th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- June 17th – 7:00 PM, BCTV-WBNH Board of Overseers
- June 18th – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Committee
- June 22nd – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- June 22nd – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **June 23rd – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- June 24th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- June 28th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board

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