



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Sue Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: February 3, 2020, Town Manager's Report

DATE: February 3, 2020

Adult Use Marijuana Update

This office spoke with Community Care Collective earlier in the week. They are still currently in the state que to have their application reviewed. Marijuana applications are averaging six months before review at the state level. Community Care has been waiting for three months at this time and expects about three more months before review. Once the state begins their review it takes another six months before approval to open establishment. They will go before the Planning Board in February to begin the local licensing process.

Pinehurst Fire Station

On Thursday the Town and Winter Street held a neighborhood meeting regarding the Pinehurst Fire Branch – Engine 3. It was well attended by residents and the Board. Many questions were asked about safety and the temporary station. All of the residents in attendance seemed pleased with the plan. The presentation was taped and the slides are on the website under the Town Manager's Reports.

Budget Update

This office has met with about half the Town departments regarding their budget and will meet with the other half this week. I will be presenting the budget to the Board during the March 8th meeting.

Capital Needs Study

This office is in the process of compiling notes and next steps for the Capital Needs Study. This document will include committee recommendations, need tiers, Town Meeting articles, and potential timelines that were taken from the working session. An item will be placed on a future agenda to talk about next steps.

Free Air By-Law

Please see the attached spreadsheet for more information. For the non-compliant stations follow up will be completed by the week of February 10th. More information will be provided next meeting.

Leak at the High School

There was a burst sprinkler pipe in the new gym at the new high school. Significant damage was caused to the gym floor and bleachers. The retractable bleachers caught a sprinkler pipe during extension and caused a pipe to burst and leak tens of thousands of gallon of water. This event is covered under warrantee. It appears to require at least a partial replacement of the floor.

Police Department Professional Recognition

Frank Ryan of the Billerica Police Department was recently given the Legion of Merit award from the Secretary of the Army. This is a highly prestigious award given to members with outstanding service. Officer Rayne was honored for his 22 years of dedicated service to the Massachusetts Army National Guard and his work as First Sergeant of Headquarters Detachment for the 79th Troop Command Mass National Guard.

Chief Rosa would also like to recognize the work of Paramedic Chris Voutselas and Nick Thompson. While on call they delivered a healthy baby girl. This was Paramedic Thompsons first Pre Hospital Delivery of his career as a Paramedic!

Youth Group Stakeholders meeting for PHR

As you know there was a stakeholders meeting last week about the new PHR. All groups were enthusiastic about the new plans. It should be noted that Pop Warner was concerned about the plan and expressed an opinion that they did not know if the plan would work for them. However when queried as to what elements of the plan did not work for them there were no elements raised that could not be addressed. This author opines that sometimes change comes hard even when it is a vast improvement. The Town will continue to work with the Youth Groups to address all of their concerns with the caveat that all concerns addressed shall also be in the best interest of the Town as a whole.