



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, October 15, 2018

DATE: October 12, 2018

Aggregate Energy -

The Town of Billerica Aggregate Energy Program continues to be a huge success and savings for the residents of Billerica. The first year resulted in significant savings of \$700,000 for residents of the Town. The second year is expected to yield additional savings of \$860,000 for the residents and \$92 on the average household.

The National Grid Default rate starting on November 1st will be \$0.137 kWh – this rate expires in March of 2019. The current Town of Billerica Rate from Constellation is \$0.109 kWh – this rate expires on December 31st of this year.

The Town of Billerica went out to bid on October 3rd for their aggregate energy program. The Town will be locked into a new rate with NextEra for 24 months at a rate of \$0.106. The Town chose this rate to add stability for the customers and when the term is up the energy market is expected to be at a low. Residents should expect to receive public notices, robocalls, and alerts on BATV in the future.

Community Development Office (Permit Alley)

Bob Sallese and Mark LaLumiere are working on the Permit Alley plan. The downstairs will be going through a similar transition as the first floor. This project will include flooring, painting, lighting, and the creation of permit alley. This will include combining and cross training clerical staff for conservation, board of health, building, and ZBA. It will also include creating a more open concept where it can be considered a one stop shop for permits. This will contribute to streamlining permitting for the Town.

Good Street Drainage

Town Departments are collaborating together to implement emergency work to fix a flooding problem on Good Street. It has been exacerbated by the BMHS project. Additionally, there was a blockage at the end of Good Street as the line approaches the outlet. The DPW will be responsible for clearing out the outlet itself. Shawmut will implement drainage work to alleviate the problem. This work will be done this fall pending BMHSBC approval.

Town Wide Events

Billerica Substance Abuse Program (BSAP) will be holding a forum at the Marshall Middle School, Café and Auditorium from 5:30PM – 8:30PM on October 21st. This forum will include Narcan Training, Drug Take Back, Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit, Current Drug Trends, and an Evan G Foundation Presentation.

The Agent Orange Memorial will be dedicated at 10:30AM at the Vietnam Veterans Park on November 7th. A coalition will follow at the VFW Solomon Post #8819.

Billerica Scholarship Foundation will hold a Blood Drive on November 13th 2018 at Town Hall from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. Billerica Scholarship Foundation will also sponsor Holiday Floral Night at the Billerica Elks at 7:00PM on December 18th.

CPC Eligibility Forms

CPC has gone through their first cycle of eligibility forms, application approval and Town Meeting funding. The CPC committee has yet to decide on a future cycles and when they will bring projects forward to Town Meeting. Currently they plan on bringing projects forward to the Spring Town Meeting and potentially again in the fall. They will potentially doing only one funding cycle a year. Eligibility forms can be submitted either prior to the October 18th or November 29th meeting. Full applications are not due until December 31st.