



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, March 6, 2017

DATE: March 3, 2017

Billerica Memorial High School Building Committee

The bids have been awarded for Concrete, Steel and Glulams. Each of these categories came in on budget or below. These are significant categories in the budget - \$28 million worth of work has been bid on or below budget.

Peggy Hannon-Rizza Park

This office met with Weston and Sampson to discuss the scope of work and design specifications for the project. The design specs and bid package are scheduled to be completed by the end of this fiscal year. This is an \$80,000 encumbrance that must be spent by June 30th. The specs will include an accommodation for construction schedule that considers the use of the pop warner field by the BMHS football team.

Roof Project

There are six roofs involved in this project; Town Hall, Police, Fire, Howe, Library, Water Treatment and DPW. The DPW is much smaller job and will be managed internally. The other six roofs will be managed by Weston and Sampson. They will provide specifications and handle the bid process and manage the work. This will be funded through the Bond Article passed at Town Meeting last fall. \$2 million was appropriated for this purpose. The Town roof will also involve fixing and or replacing the sky lights in the auditorium and the adjoining hall ways.

Ambulance Bay

A meeting was held on March 3rd to discuss getting the bid package out for this work. It is expected that the bid package will be posted in a couple of weeks and awarded in five to six weeks. This will provide ample time to get this done in this construction season.

Contract Negotiation

This office met with the Paramedics Union on Monday. A tentative agreement was reached and the union negotiating team is bringing it back to their membership for a vote.

Budget Meetings

The Budget was presented to the Finance Committee on Tuesday. Sub Committee meetings will be scheduled soon.

Billerica Community Alliance Annual Meeting

The Economic Development Director, The School Superintendent and I spoke at the Annual Meeting. Some of the questions asked centered around the Ditson School and Sewer project schedules.

Community Needs Assessment Grant

Lahey Clinic awarded the Town a \$20,000 grant for public health issues. This money is going to be used to address prevention and education in substance abuse. The proposal will include programs with both senior and student populations. The Final program proposal will be copied to the BOS upon completion.