



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Sue Aker, Cathy O’Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager’s Report February 24, 2020

DATE: February 21, 2020

Adult Use Marijuana Planning Board Hearing

The Planning Board met with Community Care Collective on February 10th and continued it until their next meeting. Much of the discussion centered around proximity limits for establishments where children typically congregate. The petitioner is trying to get permits established before there state application is approved.

MBTA Right of Way

The Town began pursuing this property in 2015. Town Counsel has been involved as well as Pan Am. This office has resent the Title to the Property and the Map to Pan Am. A call has been placed to Mike Twidle at Pan Am. I am waiting for his response. I will keep the BOS posted on this issue.

Cidermill Property

This office last communicated with the owner in October. Jerry Liang, the former point person for Cidermill, informed me that he would forward my inquiry to new person in charge of that property within the company. I never did hear from him. I have sent a follow up email and I am waiting for a response.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant

The Town applied for and was awarded \$39,000 as part of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. The Town was awarded the money to begin the Planning process to identify vulnerabilities due to climate change.

The Town will be working with Tighe & Bond, a MVP-Certified provider, to help facilitate a workshop on Thursday March 19th from 8:00AM – 4:00PM. This workshop will feature a presentation on historical and potential future natural hazards to Billerica’s community assets and will help Billerica continue to identify and prioritize steps to reduce risk and improve resilience across our community. During this workshop Tighe & Bond would also like to hear from stakeholders on where they believe the Town strengths and vulnerabilities are.

Howe and PHR

The Town, Left Field, Warner Larson (PHR) and, PRA (Howe) will be attending the CPC meeting on Thursday. The architects will be giving their initial presentations on the projects. This will include design vision, layouts, and programming needs of the user groups. The architects will also be attending the March meeting to present budget numbers. Attached is the current design vision of the Howe School.

Paving

This office was notified last week by MassDOT District 4 that Boston Road from Floyd Street to the Chelmsford line will be paved this Spring. This is a 3.3 mile stretch of road. This announcement was met with a lot of excitement in Town due to the fact large portions of Boston Road have been paved recently or are scheduled to be paved. The Town will be looking to make some upgrades as well along the road. This office will be meeting with Mass DOT on March 26th to discuss the project.

Pinehurst Fire Station

The execution of the Temporary Fire Station project is the primary focus of the project team at this point. Ensuring that it is done by August is the current goal. It appears that it might be most efficient if this part of the project is managed by the Town and the OPM with the site work being done by the Town. The team is planning accordingly.

Water Regulations

The Sewer Regulations are on the agenda tonight but the Water Regulations are still a work in progress. Some of the amendments requested have prompted some questions that require some research. Fortunately, this is not a time sensitive issue.