



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, May 7, 2018

DATE: May 4, 2018

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

The Town will be conducting a household hazardous waste drop off day on Saturday, May 19th and Saturday October 20th for Billerica Residents only at 250 Boston Road from 9:00am to 1:00pm. A list of acceptable and non-acceptable waste is located at the following link:

<https://www.town.billerica.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/7489/Household-Hazardous-Waste-drop-off-2018>

Water Restrictions for 2018

Beginning May 1st through September 30, 2018, the following restriction will be in effect:

No nonessential outdoor water use is allowed from 9:00am to 5:00pm daily. Please be aware these restrictions may change if Drought conditions are declared by the State. If you have an automatic irrigation system be sure to program the system in accordance with the water restriction. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Division at 978-671-0957.

Frost Street Stormwater Improvements - Work Starting

The Town will begin repair or replacement of certain sections of the Frost Street drainage system began in February with a scheduled completion date of June 29, 2018 but it is expected to be completed sooner. The project includes improvements of the drainage system in two areas: Area 1- from the property behind #22 and #24 Tower Farm Road southeasterly across Tower Farm Road and continuing on Frost Street to #7 Frost Street; and Area 2 - from #29 Frost Street through the existing easement area to Whittier Road and then to the outlet between #33 and #35 Whittier Road. Area 2 is complete with the exception of loam and seeding.

Mass Works Project

National Grid will begin removing wires and poles on May 7th. Punch list work is still being done. The irrigation systems and loam and seeding is also part of this punch list.

Sewer 36

The Town is working with DEP to get authorization of award for this project. The Town must record

the easements on May 7th and this will clear the way for award. The BOS approved these awards last week.

Crack Sealing

The Town has executed a contract to begin crack sealing this month. The work should take two weeks and be completed by the end of May. The list of streets to be sealed is posted online at the following link: <https://www.town.billerica.ma.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=408>

Yankee Doodle Bike Path

A meeting was held on May 4th on determining what the resolution would be for the bike path. It was determined that the original route, between the fire station and the stadium, should be revisited. This would involve an eight foot dedicated pathway for the bike path. The Design team is expected to come up with a conceptual design in two weeks. At that time it will be reviewed by the fire department. Once complete, it will be sent to the BMHBC for review.

CPC Master Plan and Application

Rob Anderson and Clancy Main put together a Master Plan and an application packet for the CPC. The CPC held a public hearing on April 26th for all stakeholders as defined by statute. The CPC voted to adopt the plan and the application process on the 26th. Applications of eligibility can now be submitted to Rob Anderson to perform the first round of screening. If it is deemed eligible it is sent to the CPC and a determination must be made to invite these people to apply for funding. The Town has already submitted three applications for eligibility determinations; The Howe School, the Yankee Doodle Bike Path and the Peggy Hannon-Rizza Park.

Waste Management Issue

There have been significant collection issues over the past month and half. They appear to be spread all over town but there was a concentration in Pinehurst. After significant discussions with Waste Management they have agreed to rent trucks to address the significant amount of breakdowns they have been experiencing. This situation is being closely monitored.

Pond Street

The condition in the permit for infill plantings specified that any subsequently required be located in “significant gaps” in the existing, 40’ vegetated buffer. The installation of Eastern White Pine, approximately 25, occurred at the very end of the planting season last fall. The species, height and locations of the trees were chosen in consideration of the best chance at long term survival for both infill plantings and existing vegetation, as well as maximum screening effect. These trees, although fast growing, can grow to 80 feet and a 40 foot spread, which obviously will take some time.

No further installation of infill plantings is required by the permit. I will revisit this with the Planning Director and report back to the BOS.

Parks and Trees Update

The two maintenance men started this month. They currently are cleaning up fields that are within the Town’s jurisdiction. Specifically, this does not include any school fields such as the Marshall. The Town will not take these over until January 1, 2019. The School Committee approved the transfer of care, custody and control of School athletic fields except the Calabrese Stadium at their May 2 meeting. Town Meeting approved the new budgets. The lease purchase agreement has not been considered by Town meeting as of yet. Based on all the social media traffic this office has been monitoring it is worth reiterating that fields will not be taken over until next year and this year is dedicated to putting together the department and the plan for that roll out.