



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** John C. Curran, Town Manager

**CC:** Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

**SUBJECT:** Town Manager's Report, May 21, 2018

**DATE:** May 18, 2018

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### **Waste Management Contract**

The Solid Waste collection have been much better than previous weeks, Waste Management has rented other trucks to replace those that were giving them mechanical problems. This was the source of the missed collections of larger areas. The complaints have leveled off to a normal level of approx. half dozen daily. It has been greatly improved.

### **Mass Works Boston Road Project**

The pole removal was delayed due to the fact that TD Bank was never transferred from overhead to underground conduit. Dagle Electric will be completing this transfer and removal of poles should commence afterwards.

### **Notice to Vacate 266 Salem Road**

This office received several complaints about 266 Salem Road. This is a bank-owned property that is not secured properly. The Police department and the Board of Health have responded to this address several times this week. An order to vacate has been posted on the premises.

### **Green Communities Meeting**

This office met with DOER, National Grid, Town Consultant Rick Minard from NMCOG to discuss next steps to becoming a Green Community. We have identified Town and School Buildings that will be audited by energy "project expeditors" assigned by National Grid. Basically, all Town and school facilities will be audited with the exception of the High School and Pumping Stations. The Town spent over \$3 million on energy in FY 2017. These audits will be the tools necessary to develop the Energy Reduction Plan that will include a 20% reduction in energy use as its goal.

### **Middlesex Turnpike Update**

The Town appeared at the preliminary injunction hearing at the Lowell Superior Court last week. The Judge has taken it under advisement and has not released any findings. Town Counsel requested I submit a letter to the court refuting misleading information shouted out at the hearing by Selectman Simolaris. Please see the attached letter that was forwarded at the Judge Joshua Wall.

**Yankee Doodle Bike Path**

An update was provided to the BMHSBC about the bike path. The design team is working the original route through the stadium and Fire Station roadway. This seemed to be well received. A final conceptual design will be presented in a few weeks.

**Alpine Village**

TCR has been out to meet with Karen Miller to discuss the Landscape conditions that pertain to the neighborhood. There is some question about whether one property at 26 Alpine Street was included as part of the original MOA. This office is reaching this issue with Town Counsel.

**Pond Street**

This site has been seeded and the gate will be installed soon. I have spoken with one of the neighbors to give them an update on the status. He seemed satisfied with the progress to date.