



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Susan Aker, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, January 29, 2018

DATE: January 26, 2018

Middlesex Turnpike

A meeting was held with Manning Road and Middlesex Turnpike Residents about the upcoming \$37 million Turnpike project. Although it is too late to send the project back to the drawing board we were able to address some of their concerns and came away with a few other action items:

- The project schedule will be posted biweekly on Town's website.
- Tree removal schedules will be reviewed to ensure removal schedule accommodates residences privacy concerns as much as possible.
- The Rock walls will be relocated.
- The Town will explore extending the sidewalk on the northerly side of Manning Road. The town is looking at an option to install a vinyl slatted CLF along the exposed areas on residential properties.
- The Town will assess hydrant needs on turnpike in that area and incorporate into Hydrant Replacement Program.

FY2019 Budget

This office has met with the Fire Department, the Police Department, Assessor's Department, the Clerk's Office, the Treasurer/Collector's Office, Conservation, Library, Building, Information Technology and Veteran's. Meetings are scheduled for DPW, Recreation and Town-wide Budgets. The Parks and Trees Department and Cemetery Budget are still being refined and will be presented with the budget.

Hanscom Airport

Clancy Main spoke with Amber Goodspeed, Massport's Manager of Airport Administration at Hanscom Field and Jessica Casserly, Community Engagement at Hanscom Air Force Base.

He was informed that a runway repaving project took place during the months of August and September. During that time some flights did change course to go over Billerica. After work was completed in the month of September flights are back on their regular paths. Previous to work starting

about 1-2 flights a week that land or take off at Hanscom fly over Billerica. These are generally training or transport flights in nature. The same quantity of flights over Billerica is true after the construction.

Sound insulation and window replacement programs are run by the Federal Aviation Administration. I was informed by Amber that the outer edges of the Hanscom Airforce base do not qualify for these programs therefore excluding any residents of Billerica.

Fire Chief Interviews

The first round of Fire Chief interviews were conducted on Friday. Assistant Town Manager Cathy Odea, Clancy Main and I conducted the interviews along with retired Framingham Fire Chief Gary Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty is also a professor of Fire Sciences at Anna Maria College in addition to having been the Town Manager of Hopkington. Each of the three candidates will be given a written exercise to complete. Second interviews will be conducted within the next week.

DCR Bike Path Grant

I spoke with Trish Domigan from VHB, given that the Yankee Doodle Bike Path is regionally significant, the town can apply for 100k (for design, takings or construction). The design would need to be completed if we are seeking construction monies -- there is an 80/20 match. The match can be design or in-kind work. Land takings are eligible, and likely to get funded. The applicant would need to demonstrate that the taking is a missing piece for the trail construction. The applications are favorable if the trail is connected to schools and ball fields

The Town should not apply for construction if the design isn't done yet. The money is awarded in August, and the project needs to be implemented in 2 yrs. The application needs to show that there is an ability to implement the trail. I am meeting with VHB and the Town Engineer to discuss this grant on Monday.

Howe School

This office met with James Dangora, Ellen Rawlings, Sam Schauerman and Greg McClay about BATV moving into the Howe School. The action items that came out of this meeting were to set up a meeting with Town Counsel to go over a lease proposal, to work with CPC Committee to get the CPC application process started and adopt a community plan. Completing these two tasks would expedite applying for funding for a design study for the rehab of Howe School. If the Town were to move in this direction it would require action of the BOS and Town Meeting. However, the completion of this project is several years away.

Double Poles

This office met with Representative Lombardo and Steve Robertson to review the status of double poles. The Representative has offered his assistance in helping to facilitate the removal process. Lt. Joe Bukiemski of the Billerica Fire Department also met with this office to help expedite the process. I will update the BOS further as the process moves forward.