



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Clancy Main, Cathy O'Dea

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, September 11, 2020

DATE: September 14, 2020

Boat Launch

This office heard back from Acting Director Cameron. The Town will meet with the Office of Wildlife and Fisheries on September 15th in regards to the Boat Launch at 250 Boston Road. This will be our first meeting since informing them that the Town would like to revisit the boat launch.

Desk Giveaway

Since our last meeting the Town has been preparing for the desk giveaway. The Town pre-registered over a 100 families for desk. The desk link was posted on social media and were accounted for in five minutes. Similar the desk at the Old Ditson were accounted for in about a minute. Desk will be picked up on Saturday from 8-2PM. This office scheduled about 20 people per 1 hour slot for the pickup. This would help eliminate any traffic and ease social distancing concerns. The Town will also have a detail in place to monitor the traffic flow. I will update the Board on Monday on how the process went.

Boston Road North – Notice of Virtual Design Public Hearing

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 on the MassDOT Public Hearings website to present the design for the proposed Boston Road Rehabilitation Project in Billerica, MA. (The hearings are prerecorded and are not live.) The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Boston Road Rehabilitation Project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. To view the public hearing please visit the MassDOT page here - <https://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings>

Pinehurst Fire station Update

After about a year of planning, bidding the project, and moving the FD into the temporary quarters the public will begin to see progress on the Pinehurst Fire station. Mobilization of the site will begin on 9/14. The construction fence company will begin installation along the perimeter of the project site. Abatement will begin on 9/14 as well and take about 3-4 weeks. During the week of 9/21 site clearing and tree removal will begin to take place. Demolition of the old fire station will begin to take place during the week of the 21st. At a prior meeting I alerted the Board that a tower will also

be placed at the site. After working with the Fire Dept and the architect we were able to come to a compromise on the Tower. The tower will be at a height of 40 feet. The fire station is 34 feet. A rendering of the site is attached below.

Demolition of the Old Ditson and Vining School

The Town has started the process of soliciting an OPM for the project. The bid went into the newspaper, the central register, and Commbuys. At the time of this Town Manager's report 11 firms had requested the RFS (request for services). Any project that is estimated to be over \$1.5 million is required to have an OPM. The Town expects the project to be over that amount. Once the Town has an OPM on board I will follow up with the next steps the Town plans to take.

Adult Use Marijuana

Community Care Collective is having a pre-construction meeting with BOH, DPW, and Building this week. A few details regarding storm water management need to be worked out then a foundation permit will be granted. They are expecting to be up and running sometime in late February or early March. Dave Giannetta the Owner of the Company would like to come in front of the board in December or January for his license. If that is something the board would be open to please let me know.

Masonic Hall

This office has been working with Town Counsel on the final paperwork for the Masonic Hall. P&S, Use and Occpuancy Agreement. Rider to the P&S.

Shared Streets and Spaces Grant

Billerica applied for and received a second Shared Streets and Spaces Grant from MassDOT in the amount of \$20,000. Working collaborative with the School Department, this grant will allow Billerica's Public Works department to analyze, improve, and replace (where needed) the crosswalks and signage around Billerica's public schools. The state grant and analysis can help inform the long term pedestrian safety strategy for the community, and allow for constructive conversations about how best to deploy resources to make the roads safer for children."

Greystone Estates

The Town was contacted by representatives of the Greystone Estates proposed 40B project. Given that the Town has achieved its 10% affordable number with the 164 Lexington Road LIP project, the Town has indicated its preference that the developer consider less dense housing, in keeping with the single-family zoning in that location. Changing the project from a 40B to standard/conventional homes for this large site should be more attractive to the residents of the neighborhood, and would be supported by the Town. The representative indicated that his client would follow up with the town staff for next steps."