



MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Board

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Clancy Main, Assistant Town Manager

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, June 13, 2022

DATE: June 10, 2022

ARPA Payments

The ARPA bonuses will be paid after July 1, 2022. The recipients are those employees that were with the Town throughout the pandemic and worked throughout the pandemic. The intent of the Board was to recognize those that were required to work throughout the entire pandemic and consequently were in harms way. The list comprises primarily public safety employees. Many employees were not eligible because they worked split shifts. These employees were fully compensated even though they worked part of the time. The Town will pay out \$377,500.

Peggy Hannon Rizza Complex

Soil Blending has been completed; excess soil must be relocated on site to further assist with levelling. Turf curbing around field is being poured this week and the sports netting foundations are being dug up. Pop Warner has requested a third 40 ft storage container on site, town is working with Quirk to facilitate that while maintaining the bucolic imagery of the site.

Howe School

The inside of the building is starting to take shape. Drywall has been installed throughout the building and will be completed over the course of the coming weeks. In the attached photo you can see that the masonry work has been completed and the curtain wall. Glass for the curtain wall is on site and should be completed in the next few weeks. The project is starting to move into the final stages – if anybody on the Board would like a tour I would be happy to accommodate that request.



Vining School

This project is at the punch list item phase. It should be closed out in early July. Most of the items are very simple including removing tree protection, removing erosion control, handicap signage, grade the gravel parking lot, etc.

Town Hall / Library Chiller

Ambient Temperature will be mobilizing to begin work during the week of July 18th for the Town Hall chiller. The Library roof top unit is currently in design development and is expected to go out to bid in the Summer. Both projects were funded through ARPA.



Masonic Hall

In the April 4th Town Managers report a summary from the building study was given. PRA has been working on completing plans to go out to bid. During that time the Town has also meet with the Food Pantry to hear their feedback about the current set up. The Town will be meeting with PRA this week and I will have more info at the next meeting. I also will report out to the Capital Facilities Committee at their next meeting.

DPW Building

The legislation for the land swap is currently working its way through the State Senate. Once that is completed the Town will move forward with the OPM RFQ. Senate Counsel has approved the draft, the senator has filed the bill, and it has been referred to the State Admin. committee:

Market Basket Closing & Renovation

The Billerica Mall Market Basket closed this Saturday. In an interview with WCVB Market Basket discussed the closing and referenced the planned renovations at their Pinehurst location. They're very enthusiastic to be bringing a new facility to the Town that has amenities like their other locations. Amenities like a café with seating, full-service butcher counter, and a sushi bar, to name a few. This addition on the Town Plaza Market Basket was no doubt precipitated by the Billerica Mall redevelopment

Neighborhood Meetings

Social Media post went out on June 7, giving all those interested the necessary information to attend. There was also a code red call that went out to all residents. The responses from the public have been positive, people are happy these meetings are returning. We confirmed with BATV that they'll be available the night of June 15 to facilitate the hybrid option.

Talbot Mill Meeting

Woodard and Curran's subcontractor, Steamworks, went back and took another look at the 2016 Feasibility Study done by Gomez and Sullivan to understand the potential impacts of removing the dam. They recommended additional studies to the state which are needed to assess the impact and feasibility of removing the dam. Woodward and Curran's executive summary of Steamworks report highlights that Billerica has only one water intake and therefore would need either a second water supply intake and pump station at an alternative location on the Concord River or an alternative water supply source for the Town. There will be a public information session on June 29 here in the Town Hall Auditorium to discuss these two reports and their implications for the Talbot Mill.

Cormier Property

I have attached an email from June 20, 2015. It explains what happened with this property. The Select Board voted to accept the donation even though they were informed by Town Counsel that the property had title issues and needed to be accepted by Conservation first. Conservation Commission never acted on this property because the title issues were never resolved and the owner did not pursue it any further.