



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

September 22, 2020

Good Evening:

Working on organization of major projects:

Westcomm notice of intent. Financing of the purchase was approved by BOD

Shared Streets Grant The Shared Streets application will fund a sidewalk from rail trail to Maple Ct. along Maple street and a paved connection for biking and walking along Maple Ct. parallel to the rail trail as far as the Leahy Field parking area. An area of the parking lot would be repaved and provide an outdoor seating venue, with picnic tables and umbrellas and planters for use by the public.

Open Space Plan

Master Plan award and schedule; Bethany will be soliciting participation on the Steering committee- work will be done by June 2021 Master Plan survey and grant from PVPC. Budget and schedule of deliverables was emailed to you last week.

Emergency Mgt. meeting yesterday to finalize policies and

Broadband Committee has been established. Maki, O'Shea, Quimby, Adams Anderson

Finance Department closed FY20. Audit will begin this week; bonding conference call for approved capital projects Our review of the outstanding approved, but unfunded, capital projects as well as existing bonds is underway, all in the context preparing a realistic five year capital project plan. Issues regarding manageable debt service levels will be key to the amount of bonding that will be pursued and the timing of the bonding.

** Steve to report on interest ledger entry and web info

Repeat request for Community involvement and participation to fill a number of vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions.

Recreation report, very successful summer at Pine Knoll camp; Claire Kantany
IT report-remote learning Tech report

The COA is conducting a food drive for the pantry on Tuesdays during September, notices will be forthcoming.

PACE (property assessed clean energy) funding through Mass Development-Town acts as a conduit for repayment, betterment, lien on property; recapture costs incurred since 2016; resolution to participate under review

**Reviewed plans drawn in 2016 for Heritage Park project; 5 million estimate then. Now 12% higher, 400k soft costs (engineering and bid documents) Discussion of formation of 501c3 to do fundraising

plantings of trees and flowers around parking lot and fields this weekend-through Rotary Club and DPW

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager