



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

December 15, 2020

Good evening:

I am authoring a short report tonight as most of what I have to offer you is specific to matters later in the agenda.

There is one particular item about which I want to inform you, namely, the Town's acquisition today of an outdoor skating rink for use in the center of Town, at the Center Field property. This notion was first mentioned to me several months ago by Donna Prather who indicated that there was a suggestion of building an outdoor rink on property at Pine Knoll. That idea prompted further thought and imagination on the part of Donna and the Recreation Commission about how to accomplish a fun, safe, outdoor activity for Town residents during this winter of coping with Covid. I approved the use of the Town property for this purpose. The response of the community for this activity was sensational. In a period of just over 24 hours, donations in excess of \$8,400 poured in. A Motion to accept those donations will be presented to you at a later date, once the accounting is completed. I am delighted that this opportunity will be available to anyone who wishes to get some fresh air, exercise and socialization at a safe distance. I also believe that the rink will enliven the Town Center with activity during the dark months of winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. McNally
Town Manager