



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

January 12, 2020

Good evening:

I submitted a 2020 recapitulation report herewith for your review and consideration.

Since our last meeting, work has begun on negotiating and drafting the terms of the Police Chief's contract. Mary Beth Dowd, the Town's new COA Director has also taken her office. I have finished the Employee Handbook and will be distributing it within the next week. Negotiations are ongoing with the labor Unions which have expired contracts. I will report at the next Executive session on those items and on strategy for pending matters in litigation once I hear back from counsel retained for this purpose. The budget message to Department Heads has gone out with submissions/responses due on January 22, 2021.

The outdoor skating rink has been assembled in an area of Center Field with great vigor and enthusiasm, now we're waiting for cooperation from the weatherman.

Covid concerns dominate once again throughout the Town's employees in particular and the community in general, there have been a multitude of positive test results in our Police Department and DPW. The absences caused by these exposures will have a budgetary and productivity impact, not yet calculated. The virus transmission possibilities also create grave concerns for many of our employees who have underlying health concerns. The vaccine clinic approved by DPH for East Longmeadow has begun administration of the vaccine to first responders from six neighboring communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. McNally
Town Manager