



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

May 11, 2021

Good evening:

The Financial Oversight Committee continues to review the draft budget including Capital projects recommended for FY 22. I understand their recommendations will be made at their meetings this week. The draft budget is posted on the Town website for public review in anticipation of the public hearing later this month.

Planning continues for the transitional reopening of Town Hall facilities. The COA will open with a schedule of activities both inside and outdoors on May 17; the library will follow on June 7 and the remaining Town facilities will return to normal operations in the latter part of June. I am discussing the practical aspects of live meetings with Don Maki tomorrow so there will be some news on that subject in the near future.

Interviews for the COA Director position are underway. We have received a number of resumes from qualified individuals, so I hope to make a decision soon.

Many Boards and Commissions have upcoming vacancies which will be advertised soon.

The Master Plan is nearly complete. An additional survey was distributed by email last week from the Planning Department.

The Recreation Department's first Farmer's Market of the season is this Friday, May 14 from 2-7 at Center Field.

Budget and service issues with the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District are ongoing. There will not be any formal Memorial Day wreath laying at the rotary this year due to lingering Covid concerns.

The Westcomm Board of Directors met on Friday to discuss operational and technology issues as well as the terms of the contract with the architectural firm chosen to do the remodeling work at the new site for the Emergency Communications Center in Chicopee. Two additional communities have signed letters of intent to join the District.

The Finance Department is preparing an application for a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to fund the FY 20 and 21 Capital projects. They and all Departments continue their normal business processes and have been advised of the Town's reopening schedule.

Discussions continue with Union representatives from several Town Unions regarding terms of new contracts and other matters. The specifics of those discussions will be matters for future Executive sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager