



## TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

February 8, 2022

Good evening:

Health Director Tammy Spencer has arranged for additional vaccination clinics, the first of which was Feb. 7 at Birchland Park Middle School and the second is scheduled for Feb. 28 at the same location. The clinics run from 3 to 6 p.m. The Department has also received its original shipment of Covid 19 Home Test Kits for distribution through a registration process and these procedures were described on the Department's webpage and the flyers describing the process were forwarded to you last week. The Covid case numbers are declining but remain high.

The building renovation at the Senior Center to accommodate the VSO office is finished. A District meeting is scheduled for February 9 to discuss the Town's budget contributions to the District for FY 23.

Negotiations continue with three of the five Collective Bargaining Unions in Town. Initial ratification votes failed to approve any of the agreements, so all of those matters continue to be unresolved and will likely be the subject of future mediations conducted by the Department of Labor Services. I had hoped to conclude these matters before departing but it now seems likely that the next Manager will have to address these complex issues. Additionally, the Firefighters Union has requested the initiation of bargaining (their current contract expires on June 30, 2022) and that matter will also be an item for the next Manager.

There are several litigation matters pending which are in the discovery stage and will take a considerable amount of time to resolve.

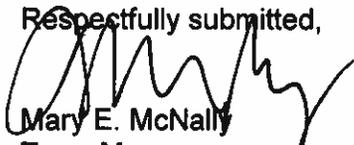
Westcomm Board met on Feb. 4, 2022 to discuss ongoing operational and administrative issues. The HR and Procurement functions there are also ongoing subjects needing attention from the Board members as the District continues to grow.

As reported last month, Karen Korpinen applied for the MGM community mitigation grant and the Town was awarded \$100,000. The award letter is attached and the funds are expected soon. The grant will provide funding to establish a Business Resource Portal on the Town's website to support local businesses which are trying to overcome the economic consequences of the pandemic. Additional funding beyond the original application amount may also allow for the acquisition of software to accomplish electronic permitting requests.

Operating budgets have been submitted and are under review and the TM Capital Advisory Committee has begun its review of Department submissions. The members of the Town Council will be invited to participate in site visits to review equipment and other items for which Departments are seeking upgrades and replacements. I have asked our Chief Finance Officer to prepare a fiscal assessment of the various options for financing the acquisition of Town vehicles (lease, bond, cash). He will provide the Capital Committee with that information at a future date. Supply chain issues create an additional concern as vehicles purchased in prior FY's remain undelivered.

The Department Heads met on February 3, 2022 to share their project information and concerns with me and their colleagues. Adequate staffing and space considerations remain the chief priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary E. McNally  
Town Manager



February 2, 2022

**VIA E-Mail**

Mary E. McNally, Town Manager  
Town of East Longmeadow  
60 Center Square  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Re: 2021 Reserve Grant Award

Dear Ms. McNally

On behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"), I am pleased to notify you that on January 27, 2022 the Commission authorized the award of \$100,000 to the Town of East Longmeadow for its Reserve Grant. Please note that any and all conditions set by the Commission will be included in the grant contract.

In a few weeks you will receive the grant award package that includes the grant instrument and the state contract that will need to be executed by East Longmeadow.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph E. Delaney'.

Joseph E. Delaney  
Chief of Community Affairs

cc: MGC Commissioners  
Mary S. Thurlow, Sr. Program Manager



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