



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

April 12, 2022

Good evening:

There is a Parc Grant training scheduled for May 4, 2022 which will be attended by Donna Prather and Stephen Lonergan. The Town is eligible to apply for this grant in this cycle as we now have an approved Open Space Plan. Funds received from a successful application could be used for the Heritage Park project. The CPC Committee has a pending request for funding this phase of the development.

The Town has been notified that it will share in proceeds of the Statewide Opioid settlements reached on or before Jan. 1, 2026 on a pro rata basis with other participating municipalities. That settlement is \$500,000 million dollars and will be allocated to the participating communities for substance use prevention.

The Veterans District established the Town's budget contributions to the District for FY 23 and has reimbursed the Town for the improvements made to the office space at the COA.

The last remaining case at the MCAD against the Town has been dismissed with a finding of no probable cause.

Planning and Community Development Director Bailey Mitchell began his employment with the Town on April 4, 2022. We welcome him and look forward to his contributions in implementation of many suggestions based on the Master Plan among other things. In partnership with the Economic Development Council of Western Mass., the Town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$37,050 funded by the Mass. Office of Business Development to proceed with the North Main Street Project focusing on identifying the needs of businesses impacted by Covid.

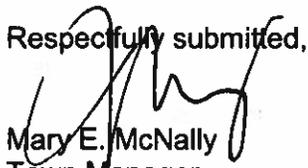
The Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Automated External Defibrillator Equipment Program.

The Town is in the process of seeking a Library Director. A search committee is in place and is meeting tomorrow afternoon. We have hired a new Benefits Administrator who will begin her employment here on April 25, 2022.

I would like to reappoint James William Johnston to the Board of Assessors and Cynthia McNaught to the Library Board. Both individuals currently serve on their respective Boards and have asked to be reappointed. Their applications are attached hereto.

The Westcomm Board of Directors has approved a new, revised District Agreement at the request of its bond counsel to facilitate the financing for renovations at Shawinigan Dr. Chicopee, Ma. Most of the revisions are editorial rather than substantive. The MOU which accompanies the Agreement was drafted to provide documentation for actions/votes taken by participating communities pursuant to the prior Agreement in the event of any future inquiries. The attached documents require the approval of each participating community.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary E. McNally
Town Manager