



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

May 10, 2022

Good evening:

The budget was submitted to the Council on May 2, 2022 to comply with the Charter. The Comprehensive Capital Plan was also updated and is posted on the Town Manager page of the website. Town Department Heads and School officials have been meeting with the Financial Oversight Committee over the last few weeks to review budget items as requested.

The CPC met on May 5, 2022 and voted to approve funding for the design, engineering and permitting phase of redevelopment of Heritage Park. That matter is before you tonight for a vote. Donna Prather, Bailey Mitchell, Karen Korpinen and Steve Lonergan attended the Parc Grant training on May 4, 2022 and will be working on an application for funding in the next cycle.

I want to publicly thank Erin Chrusiel and all Town employees, particularly those in the Health Department and the Department of Public Works for their very successful efforts on April 23, 2022 to celebrate Earth Day by collecting refuse from all around the Town. As many as 150 members of the public also registered to participate in the cleanup which made the day a success.

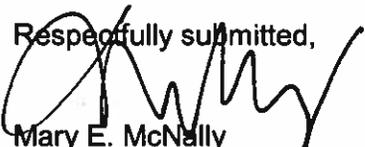
Candidates were interviewed yesterday for the position of Library Director. The search committee will be making their recommendation very soon.

I would like to reappoint Rebecca Torcia to the Board of Public Health and Pete Punderson to the Planning Board. Both individuals currently serve on their respective Boards and have asked to be reappointed. Their applications are attached hereto. I have also submitted the application of Michael Lynch to serve as a new member of the Board of Public Works.

In addition to these appointments there are other reappointments for your information: Daniel Plotkin and Francis Dean to the Zoning Board of Appeals, James Channing as an Associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Ken Hancock to the Historical Commission.

Westcomm's Board has approved borrowing to do the renovations at its new facility. Notice of Intent is attached hereto for your information. No Council action is needed unless you disapprove of the intent to borrow.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary E. McNally
Town Manager



May 6, 2022

WESTCOMM Board of Directors

Re: Notice of Intent to Incur Debt (2nd notice)

WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch intends to obtain a bond not to exceed \$13,300,000 to pay for costs associated with architectural and engineering services, renovating and equipping its property located at 645 Shawinigan Drive in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Due to our expansion, we quickly outgrew our current location in the Chicopee Police Department. From the creation of the District, we anticipated this move.

Westcomm Regional Dispatch purchased the property in February 2021 with the intent of renovating it for our needs. It is an ideal location for our expanding Regional Dispatch Center. It is easily accessible from major highways. It is a stand-alone facility with plenty of parking. The building itself has 18,000 square feet and the property has 12 acres. We have received ongoing support from the State 911 Department through grant funding and will continue to apply for grant funding annually to cover major expenses including bond repayment.

Since the following members of the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors have approved the District to incur the debt, under our District Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 6A, Section 18R, we are required to advise each member municipality's city council, select board or town council of the intent.

Finance Committee: Stephen Lonergan, Chair (East Longmeadow)

Marie LaFlamme (Chicopee)

Jamie Farnum (Monson)

Jennifer Leydon (Longmeadow)

Tracy Meehan (Ware)

Board of Directors: Lyn Simmons, Chair (Longmeadow)

John Beaulieu, Vice Chair (Chicopee)

Jennifer Wolowicz (Monson)

Mary McNally (East Longmeadow)

Stuart Beckley (Ware)

We desperately need the space to help us provide you a higher quality of service and to take on additional municipalities lowering your cost for the service.

No debt shall be incurred until the expiration of 60 days from the date the debt was authorized by the District's Board of Directors. This notice was originally sent on 11/05/21. We are resending due to the fact that since that time, Ware has been added to the District.

Respectfully submitted,


Erin Hastings

Executive Director

Westcomm Regional Dispatch