



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

August 8, 2023

Good evening:

Let's begin with National Night Out! Another outstanding community event that exemplifies what a wonderful Town we live in. More than 40 vendors turned out to volunteer and the event was very well attended. Much like the parade, there are far too many people to thank individually for such an undertaking, so thanks to all for their collective effort.

The State Legislature has passed the FY24 budget and sent it along to the Governor's office for final approval. I have attached the preliminary municipal cherry sheet estimates for East Longmeadow with this report. The Town received a substantial increase in state funding as compared to FY23, the bulk of which in Chapter 70 receipts, for an increase of more than two million dollars from FY23.

The Fire Department promoted Matthew Turowsky to the role of Captain. Matt has been an East Longmeadow career firefighter for almost 9 years and was a call firefighter prior to that. He has also served as acting Captain and most recently as provisional Captain. Matt, along with three other internal candidates, participated in the review process consisting of a written exam, an assessment center and final interview. Matt brings tremendous leadership qualities and will be a great addition to the leadership of the Fire Department.

The HR Department will be distributing a quarterly newsletter to keep everyone up to date on all things HR. Their summer newsletter is attached hereto and we expect this will be another important step toward keeping everyone informed on comings and goings, as well as policy changes, etc.

Planning and Community Development Director, Bailey Mitchell and Council President, Ralph Page attended a ceremony this afternoon in Southwick to recognize East Longmeadow's Green Community designation. The Department of Energy Resources presented a certificate to East Longmeadow as well as three other newly designated communities in the Commonwealth. Along with this designation, the Town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$160,170. We are in the process of selecting a project for consideration.

The Town continues its discussions with Westfield Gas & Electric's Whip City Fiber team in an effort to bring fiber to our residents. They are here this evening to provide an update and a summary review of what we should expect as we continue towards project rollout.

One of our other presenters this evening is Jones Whitsett Architects, the design team for the ELHS building project. Tonight they will be focusing on the Town Council's role in the process and the voting procedure, but I thought it worth mentioning that pertinent information regarding the project can be found at www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/elhsbuildingproject and we are always looking for public engagement as the School Building Committee works tirelessly to finalize the design ahead of November's vote.

All four cases against the Town brought by former Dispatchers have been dismissed. A judge issued a summary judgment in favor of the Town in the first case, which caused the other three plaintiffs to dismiss their cases shortly thereafter.

East Longmeadow Redevelopers, LLC has filed a complaint in the Land Court against the Town of East Longmeadow Planning Board regarding its decision to disapprove the site plan at 330 Chestnut Street. The appeal was filed in the appropriate time frame and we expect to be meeting with Town Counsel and the Planning Board at their next meeting in executive session.

The DPW is busy as usual maintaining all of our roads and infrastructure. Thanks to all of their efforts in beautifying the Town as well. Some projects of note are the Shaker Road paving project funded by the MassDOT's Winter Assistance Recovery Program; The Porter Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project is complete and was on-time and on-budget and the North Main Street Metering Vault which will provide us with more accurate flow rates related to billing to Springfield Water and Sewer.

The Council on Aging continues to be the most hoppin' place in Town with activities and programs and a soaring member registration that added 412 new faces in the first half of the year. They have also extended their congregate meal program to include Quarry Hill and Village Green. They are holding a Farmer's Market every 2nd and 4th Friday through September from 10am-2pm. Finally, the "Stories from the View" podcast went live at National Night Out thanks to podcasters Eric Almirola and Ed Fitzgerald. Distinguished guests included our Police Chief, Mark Williams, Representative Brian Ashe, to a slightly lesser extent, yours truly, and many other intriguing personalities from around town. Check it out on the Town's YouTube channel if you get a chance. Thanks to Don and Jaime from ELCAT for their efforts as well.

I submit with this report an application for appointment to Boards and Commissions for Larry Bauman, Board of Library Trustees. The Board of Library Trustees is one of the Boards listed in Article 5 of the Charter allowing for rejection within 45 days. I will request that be waived if it is your pleasure. Other appointments to Boards, not requiring Council review but offered for your information are as follows: Jason Gumpert, Conservation Commission and Barbara Farrell, Council on Aging Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TDC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas D. Christensen
Town Manager



MA Department of Revenue
 Division of Local Services
 Preliminary Municipal Cherry Sheet Estimates
 Data current as of 7/31/2023

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FY2024 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates East Longmeadow

Estimated Receipts Estimated Assessments & Charges

PROGRAM	FY2023 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2024 Governor's Local Aid Proposal	FY2024 House Budget Proposal	FY2024 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2024 Conference Committee
Education Receipts:					
Chapter 70	13,030,624	15,037,448	15,037,448	15,037,448	15,037,448
School Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	100,954	106,364	44,044	39,449	32,264
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Offset Receipts:					
School Choice Receiving Tuition	124,345	210,345	210,345	210,345	313,886
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	13,255,923	15,354,157	15,291,837	15,287,242	15,383,598
General Government:					
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	1,676,745	1,710,280	1,703,573	1,730,401	1,730,401
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans Benefits	66,809	67,168	67,168	67,168	67,168
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	97,408	93,763	93,280	93,280	93,280
State Owned Land	0	0	0	0	0
Offset Receipts:					
Public Libraries	43,940	51,309	49,324	51,309	51,309
Sub-Total, All General Government:	1,884,902	1,922,520	1,913,345	1,942,158	1,942,158
Total Estimated Receipts:	15,140,825	17,276,677	17,205,182	17,229,400	17,325,756

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Town Manager's Office
East Longmeadow MA



Town of East Longmeadow Board & Commission Application Form

Name: Larry Bauman

Home address: 540 Prospect Street East Longmeadow, MA

Preferred phone #: 413-668-6456

E-mail address: lmbauman29@gmail.com

Occupation: writer

Board/Commission of Interest: Board of Library Trustees

Briefly explain your reasons for being interested in serving your town in this capacity and note the qualifications you have which you think will be an asset to this Board or Commission.

I am a six-year resident of East Longmeadow and I have an interest in contributing to the welfare of the community in which I live. I'm a member of the East Longmeadow Rotary and serve as one of its board members. I am a strong advocate for a robust and engaged library system and I believe my years of experience as a writer and editor (and retired lawyer) would make me a valuable asset to the Board of Library Trustees.

Please include three (3) References with your application.

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Judy Green	529 Prospect St. East Longmeadow, MA	413-525-4457
Lee Levey	100 Comstock Hill Ave. Norwalk CT 06850	203-856-0240

Date: June 11, 2023

Signature: larrymichaelbauman

Digitally signed by larrymichaelbauman
Date: 2023.06.11 18:58:31 -0400

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Volunteers play a vital role in the East Longmeadow government and we appreciate your interest. Upon completing your application please forward to the Town Manager's office either at:

town-manager@eastlongmeadowma.gov

or

Town Hall, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

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