



## TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

January 9, 2024

Good evening:

Happy New (calendar) Year! Not much to report from our last meeting with the holidays and all. Mostly I am just excited about how much we have going on this year. From the High School to Fiber and everywhere in between, it is shaping up to be a historical year for the Town of East Longmeadow.

The Westcomm Board of Directors and Finance Committee met today (Tuesday) to finalize the FY25 budget which needs to be submitted to the state by January 20<sup>th</sup>. The budget saw a significant increase, almost 20%, most of that increase is the replacement of an out-of-date Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and records management system. This year's Assessment should be approximately \$160,000.

The review committee of the School Building Committee received proposals from qualified contractors last week. Interviews with all prospective contractors will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, after which we will select a contractor and be one step closer to breaking ground.

We had our first plowable snowfall of the year this week which saw just about a foot of snow fall over a 24-hour period. Special thanks to the DPW for another outstanding job of pre-treating and snow removal, as well as multiple tree removal calls from the heavy wet snow. Great job once again!

I wanted to share some interesting and impressive year end statistics from the COA; Over 700 new memberships, 11,078 meals on wheels delivered, over 7,000 Tri-Town Trolley Rides and 92 volunteers put in over 8,000 hours. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who provide outstanding service to our community and its residents.

I am looking forward to our second meeting this month to talk about the upcoming budget process, on-going projects and thoughts on the future.

Upcoming Events: First Capital Advisory Committee Meeting, January 11 at 11:30  
Level 1 Budgets due January 19<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager