



## TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

March 12, 2024

Good evening:

March 5<sup>th</sup> was the Presidential Primary election. I won't steal Jeanne's thunder but I want to thank her and her team once again for another great job. Although this is what we have come to expect, the hard work, planning and execution of the day (and days leading up to) is surely something to behold. Simply stellar.

Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting of the newly formed Center Town District Steering Committee. This Committee, with ex-officio members of both the Town Council and Planning Board, along with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), will facilitate discussions with the community regarding the proposed goals for a Center Town District. Additionally, PVPC will be presenting at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting to provide an introduction, including a timeline of tasks, general benchmarks and decision points. We welcome the public to attend this meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> to learn more about this exciting project.

The Annual Report has been completed for calendar year 2023. I want to thank all of our contributors who help put together a helpful summary of an exciting year in 2023. Also, a very special thanks to Deborah House, who had the arduous task of compiling all of the submissions and creating the finished product.

We've been really busy with the FY25 budget creation process as we continue to work towards the draft budget submittal deadline. We have a few more meetings with Department Heads to put the finishing touches on that submittal and I just want to thank everyone for their diligence throughout the process.

The Human Resources Manager, Joan Iwanicki, resigned from her position effective Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank Joan for her service to the Town and wish her the best of luck in her next endeavor. In the interim, the Manager's Office will be assisting HR staff with essential functions as we begin our search for a replacement.

Upcoming Events: Westcomm groundbreaking – March 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am at 645 Shawinigan Drive, Chicopee  
School Building Committee Meeting – March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Draft Budget Submittal – April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Coffee with the Town Manager – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am at the COA

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager