



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

June 25, 2024

Good evening:

Happy Summer! School is out and Fontaine Brothers has wasted no time getting to work on the new high school. Enabling work is underway, including mobilization, initial survey layout, placement of erosion control measures and site prep. Be sure to check in to the website for construction phasing and schedules to determine what portions of campus are open for regular business and when. The Design Team continues to finalize plans and specifications for the 60% submission to the MSBA in late July.

Following the Town election earlier this month, I would like to extend congratulations to Councilor O'Shea and newcomer Jim Leydon on their successful campaigns for Town Council and Sarah Truoiolo on her re-election to the School Committee. I would also be remiss if I didn't take a moment to wish a fond farewell to Councilor Boucher and thank him for his service on the Council. Simply stated, Matt brought a certain je ne sais quoi to the Council and his input was always thoughtful and meaningful. I know we haven't heard the last of Matt, as he certainly has a very bright future ahead of him. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors, Matt.

The EL Public Library had their Summer Reading Kickoff extravaganza on June 11th. The event was extremely well attended, as usual, and the event included prizes, face painting, magic and more. A special thank you to the Library staff who are quickly getting a reputation for throwing a great party!

Summer also means that campers are heading to Pine Knoll in droves. Donna, Jess and their team are fully staffed and full of energy. The popular programming and warm atmosphere make the Day Camp extremely enjoyable and a wonderful place for members of our community to spend some of their summer. Additionally, the pool has been open since late May, is open seven days a week and is open to the public. If you haven't been to Pine Knoll in a while, or at all, it may be time to check out this "hidden jewel" at the edge of Town.

Rebecca, Mariola and I have been begun the interview process in our search for an HR Director. We held interviews last week and will have a second round to narrow down our candidates. We are encouraged by the experience and professionalism of the applicants and hope to have this very important position filled in short order.

We were excited to learn that the Town was selected as a recipient of a MassTrails grant for a feasibility study to extend the Rail Trail north of Maple Street to Westwood Avenue. We are working with VHB to gather information for an initial design and cost estimate to be completed by this fall. A special thanks to DPW for putting this grant together in order to extend this popular amenity northward in accordance with community wishes and the Master Plan.

The beginning of the new fiscal year also brings about appointments to Boards, Committee and Commissions. I am excited by these appointments and am looking forward to another productive year from our multiple member bodies. Thank you to all of those who volunteer their time to serve the Town in this very important capacity. Among these are four re-appointments that I would humbly ask the Town Council to waive its 45-day rejection period as afforded by Section 5-4 of the Charter. These appointments are Russell Denver for Planning Board, Dr. Kathryn Jobbins for the Board of Health, Marilyn Ghedini for the Board of Assessors and Nancy O'Connor for the Board of Library Trustees. All four have stellar records on their respective boards and we are fortunate to have them back.

Upcoming Events: Fourth of July Carnival – June 30 – July 4th
Coffee with the Town Manager – July 2nd at 10:30 am at the COA
Fourth of July Fireworks – July 3rd at 9:30 pm at ELHS
Fourth of July Parade – July 4th at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas D. Christensen
Town Manager

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**Town of East Longmeadow
Board, Committee, and Commission Application Form**

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Town Manager's Office
East Longmeadow MA

Name: Nancy D. O'Connor

Home address: 42 Fernwood Drive East Longmeadow, MA

Email Address: ndoc.mail@verizon.net

Preferred Phone #: 413-210-5604

Occupation: Attorney-Retired

Board/Commission of Interest: Board of Library Trustee *Reapptmt*

Briefly explain the reason(s) for your interest in serving the town in this capacity and note any qualifications you have which will be an asset to this Board or Commission.

I am reapplying for the position of Library Trustee
to continue to participate in the development and implementation of the
new five year strategic plan under the capable and knowledgeable guidance
of our new Director Katherine McGonigle. I attach a copy of my original application which outlines my
qualifications and background. Thank you for your consideration.

Please include three (3) references with your application.

Name	Address	Phone
Cynthia MacNaught	22 Amy Lane, E.Longmeadow	413-525-6982
Caroline Kozec	9 Smith Ave., E.Longmeadow	413-525-6700
Lucille Work	106 Tall Pines Road, Unit 106, Hampden 01036	413-525-3714

Date: June 7, 2024

Signature: *Nancy D. O'Connor*
Nancy D. O'Connor

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East Longmeadow MA

Town of East Longmeadow Board, Committee, and Commission Application Form

Name: Marilyn Chedini
 Home address: 68 Beech Tree Dr East Longmeadow, MA
 Email Address: ghedini.marilyn3@gmail.com
 Preferred Phone #: 413-531-8713
 Occupation: Dispatcher - COA
 Board/Commission of Interest: Assessors Reapptmt

Briefly explain the reason(s) for your interest in serving the town in this capacity and note any qualifications you have which will be an asset to this Board or Commission.

Reapplying for Board of Assessors

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Name	Address	Phone

Date: 5/3/24 Signature: Marilyn Chedini

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East Longmeadow MA

Town of East Longmeadow Board, Committee, and Commission Application Form

Name: Kathryn Jobbins

Home address: 32 Fenway Lane East Longmeadow, MA

Email Address: kathryn.jobbins@bhs.org

Preferred Phone #: 413-231-7654

Occupation: Physician

Board/Commission of Interest: Board of Health *Reappoint*

Briefly explain the reason(s) for your interest in serving the town in this capacity and note any qualifications you have which will be an asset to this Board or Commission.

I have been on the EL BOH for the last few years and have found it to be
a great way to contribute to our town/community and offer my medical expertise
to help guide our public health needs in East Longmeadow. I am applying to continue this work.

Please include three (3) references with your application.

Name	Address	Phone
Maureen Picknally	387 Pease Rd	413-847-0144
Melissa Williams	39 Sturbridge Lane	413-530-7432
Crystal Williams	15 Sturbridge Lane	413-214-2222

Date: 5/16/2024 Signature: *Kathryn A Jobbins*

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East Longmeadow MA

Town of East Longmeadow Board, Committee, and Commission Application Form

Name: Russell Denver

Home address: 2 Lester St East Longmeadow, MA

Email Address: rfdenver@gmail.com

Preferred Phone #: 413-374-5538

Occupation: Lawyer

Board/Commission of Interest: Planning Board *Reapptmt.*

Briefly explain the reason(s) for your interest in serving the town in this capacity and note any qualifications you have which will be an asset to this Board or Commission.

See attachment.

Please include three (3) references with your application.

Name	Address	Phone
Pete Punderson	EL	413-530-3941
Bill Fonseca	EL	413-537-2515
Marilyn Richards	EL	413-455-7536

Date: May 2, 2024

Signature: *Russell Denver*

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Russell Denver Town of East Longmeadow Planning Board Application Form Attachment

I'm interested in being reappointed to the Planning Board and I believe I possess qualities needed to serve the Town in an effective and professional manner. First, I have served on the Planning Board for the past 6-7 years with 4 of those years being elected by the other Board members as Chairman. Early in my legal career I represented clients in front of city and town Planning and Zoning boards throughout Western Mass. seeking special permits, zone changes, site plan approvals and variances. I am very familiar with the Massachusetts General Laws relating to zoning. In addition, in my current employment position I advise 6 Massachusetts municipal groups regularly on open meeting requirements which is of value to the EL Planning Board. During my tenure as a Planning Board member the EL Planning Department has experienced turnover in the Planning Directors position, and as the current longest serving continuous Board member I have provided each new Director with information about past practice of the Planning Board and why certain votes of the Planning Board were taken.

I was an enthusiastic participant in focus groups for the development of the Resilient Master Plan and gladly voted for it when approval of it was sought by the Planning Board. I wish to maintain the small town feel of East Longmeadow having moved to East Longmeadow nearly 21 years ago.