



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

July 9, 2024

Good evening:

Another wonderful 4th of July hosted by the Town of East Longmeadow. From the carnival to the fireworks to the parade, it was another amazing display of patriotism and community spirit last week!! Thank you to everyone that had a hand in planning, volunteering or simply coming out to share a few smiles and good times with your neighbors. It truly is one thing that the Town has always done, and continues to do, so very well!

I would like to say thank you and sing the praises of Ralph Page as he steps aside from his role as President of the Council. We spent a lot of time together this year and I appreciate all his input and knowledge. Many issues arose in my first year and Ralph's willingness to talk things out with me made a lot of those things much, much easier. We've talked a lot about how much goes into being TM, but I doubt anyone, unless you've sat in the President's chair, realizes just how much goes into the job. So, thank you again Ralph, you will not hear from me on Sunday mornings anymore.

I want to take an opportunity to officially welcome Jim Leydon to his first meeting as Town Councilor. Congratulations on your successful campaign. I am very much looking forward to working with you and excited for what you have to bring to the table.

The search for our new HR Director will be wrapping up shortly. We have second round interviews for the position this week and expect to make an offer to the successful candidate shortly thereafter.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to our Building Commissioner, David Gardner, as he will be retiring at the end of the month. David has his fingerprints all over the new processes and procedures in the Building Department in his short tenure and we appreciate all his dedication to his craft, and the demeanor in which he carries it out. Best of luck in your new adventure, David!

DP Morais began construction of the new sidewalk on Pleasant Street this week. Obviously, be aware during construction and watch for delays.

Upcoming Events: Center Town Steering Committee Event – July 25th TBD
National Night Out – August 6th 5 pm at ELHS
Coffee with the Town Manager – August 7th at 10:30 am at the COA

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager