



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

August 13, 2024

Good evening:

Construction continues at ELHS as enabling work is starting to take shape for the new school year to allow construction to continue while school is in session. The new parking area has been installed in the "horseshoe" and the construction access road has been installed for access to the rear of the site. Utility relocations and installations are also being performed. Additionally, the School Building Committee voted to submit the 60% Design to the MSBA at their meeting on July 23rd.

The construction is completed, save a few punch list items, on the new sidewalks on Pleasant Street (from Indian Spring Road to Porter Road) and Hampden Road (from Parker Street to Angela Lane.) The contractor, DP Morais worked swiftly and efficiently to complete the project in a matter of weeks. Another well planned and well executed project by the DPW.

Speaking of DPW, paving is underway on Ridge Road, East Circle Drive and North Circle Drive. The contractor, Warner Brothers, is tasked with a mill and overlay, structure adjustments and curbing, where needed. The DPW had previously installed french drains in the right-of-way to mediate stormwater concerns in the neighborhood and prevent future damage to the pavement structure. The project should be substantially complete by the end of the month, weather permitting.

We welcome Audra Staples as our new HR Director this month. Her first day will be August 20th. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in municipal human resources for the Towns of Monson and Longmeadow and most recently at Westcomm. Please feel free to stop by the HR office at 382 North Main Street to welcome Audra to the team.

We will be bidding a fond farewell to our ELCAT Director, Don Maki, who will be retiring at the end of the month after 19 years of service to the Town of East Longmeadow at ELCAT, 16 of which as the Director. I don't have time to go into all of Don's many accomplishments but, I can confidently say, he will be missed by all. Not only is he an intelligent, caring and thoughtful individual, he is one of my favorite conversationalists of all time. Congrats, Don! I will always look forward to the next time we get to chat.

The Town recently reached an agreement for the taking of 382 North Main Street. I have attached the taking agreements for your review as well as the schedule as outlined in said agreement. We now enter into the due diligence portion of the process, in which more information exchange between the owner and the Town will be taking place. Finally, the actual taking of the property will be that of a Council vote to adopt the Order of Taking and the parties proceed to finalize Taking, which should take place at the first meeting in September.

Upcoming Events: Center Town District Discussion – August 15th 6pm-8pm at East Village Tavern
Cultural Council – Arts and Brew Festival – August 24th 12pm – 5pm at 45 Baldwin Street
Coffee with the Town Manager – September 4th 10:30am at the COA

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager