

Town Administrator Update



March 19th, 2024

- Officer Thomas McParland has announced his retirement after 30 years, thank you for his service and dedication to the Town of Middleton.
- The Middleton School Committee met yesterday (3-18-24) and has communicated their budget expectations to us. At this time they are looking at roughly \$375,000 over our 4% guidance. A breakdown of that \$375k will be provided in advance of the 28th hearing.
- I joined my counterparts on Boxford and Topsfield for a meeting with the Masco Administration to better plan out the financial sequencing of their Capital Requests over the coming years. Thank you to Dr. Harvey for hosting.
- Police negotiations are ongoing. They have been productive to date, and remain the only outstanding bargaining unit in advance of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.
- We have officially submitted a \$60,000 CPA request for Library repairs.
- Our Finance Team met with Hilltop to discuss the logistics of borrowing for the proposed Fuller Meadow Roof repairs. We expect to have some figures shortly.
- There is currently a vacancy on our North Shore Transportation Task Force. This position can be held by any resident or employee in Middleton. Any interested parties can reach out to our office, applicants will be brought forward at a future meeting.
- We had a successful meeting with the Bottleneck Reduction engineers. We expect options for designs to come forward at an upcoming April meeting for public input.
- Thank you to the Select Board and members of the public that participated in the visioning session for the Memorial Hall Parcel with MassDevelopment. This was a crucial first step. Additional public input will be sought over the coming months.
- A huge thank you to our Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk as well as volunteers and employees for all of their effort going into the recount this upcoming Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Sultzbach
Town Administrator