

Town Administrator Update



April 23rd, 2024

- The Masco Representatives held a presentation on Thursday, April 18th to discuss their \$5,000,000 million capital request. I will be sending a list of final questions regarding the project at the end of this week for a discussion at your May 7th meeting.
- I hosted a meeting on Friday the 12th with representatives from the ZBA, Villebridge Middleton, TEC and MassDOT to discuss future infrastructure coordination, specifically pertaining to a potential future MassWords grant. Thank you to all that participated.
- We are continuing Annual Town Meeting outreach. A huge thanks to Adam Stone for recording a brief overview of the warrant with me. We will also be visiting some HOA's over the coming weeks, the COA, as well as hosting a forum on Monday, April 29th at 6pm at Fuller Meadow to discuss the override and MBTA Zoning in advance of candidate's night. Additionally, a full pre-town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm. Department heads will be present.
- Mark your calendars, we are planning a ceremonial June 14th Ground Breaking for the Public Facilities project. (Work will start in advance, sometime in early May). More to follow.
- I attended the April 16th Charter Review Committee meeting. We discussed elements pertaining to the Town Administrator. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.
- Deb Mahoney will be leaving us as Administrative Assistant to become the Office Coordinator in the Clerk's Office. Best of luck to Deb, and thank you for her service.
- I have asked TEC for rough numbers to study the feasibility of running Boston Street through to Maple, bypassing the square. It is estimated such a proposal would run in the neighborhood of 25k. There is a more cost-effective path - an Origin Destination Assessment, which would be less than \$7k. A formal proposal will be available at your May 7th meeting.
- MPA Grad Fellow Billy Walsh has been working with department heads and staff to collaborate with CivicPlus on a website redesign. We are pleased to announce that the updated website will be launched in mid-May. Residents who have scenic pictures of Middleton for the website can email them to ATA Bresnahan at Jackie.bresnahan@middletonma.gov.
- Join the Middleton Stream Team this Sunday, April 28th for the annual Earth Day festival from noon to 3 pm at Rubchinuk Park. An afternoon of fun for all ages, there will be music, games, displays, a visit from Smokey the Bear and the Middleton Fire Department, and activities celebrating Mother Earth. The event is free. Rain date is May 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator