

Town Administrator Update



May 28th, 2024

- Elections have come and gone, a huge thanks to our Town Clerk's Office as well as support staff and volunteers. The ballot also featured two questions, both of which failed to pass. One pertaining to the override for the Town and Schools, and the other pertaining to a Masco debt exclusion for the roof and HVAC system. Congratulations to all of those that ran!
- I would also like to thank our staff, Moderator, board and committees, for all the hard work that went into Annual Town Meeting. The warrant featured several high profile items, including the MBTA Communities bylaw which failed 101 yes to 161 no. As committed throughout this process, we continue to keep a watchful eye on legislation related to this law. Most recently Sen. Tarr has released Amendments 176, 178, 180, and 181, which among other things would provide an appeal process based on infrastructure capacities and extend the compliance deadline by a year.
- Last week was DPW Appreciation week. Thank you for all the work our team does year-round.
- Thank you to Kevin Welch, our outgoing VSO, for planning an excellent Memorial Day Ceremony yesterday. Also thank you to all the residents and civic groups that came out to remember our Veterans.
- I toured the Club House at the former golf course last week in advance of its demo. Permits have been pulled to raze the structure, and we expect action shortly.
- Our team has been monitoring conversations pertaining to the Mill Pond Dam. As you are aware, this dam is considered a high hazard by the state and is privately owned. Out of an abundance of caution the Office of Dam Safety has lowered this body of water to provide relief to the failing dam. This is not something controlled on the local level. With that said, our team is in the process of exploring options, if any, and will report back to the public what we find.
- We are kicking off employee evaluations for the year. Thank you to the department heads that have filed self-evaluations and scheduled a time to sit down for a review.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator