

Town Administrator Update



November 5th, 2024

- We are in day ten of the 2024 Brushfire response. I huge thank you to our team at the Middleton Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Lecolst. Additionally, thank you to our State and Federal partners, as well as departments from surrounding communities who have so generously donated time and resources.
- Due to the ongoing drought conditions, combined with the extreme fire risks, the Middleton Fire Department is issuing a temporary ban on the outdoor use of open flames and other ignition sources until further notice under the authority of Section 10.10.2 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code. This ban includes the use of chimineas, fire pits, and all cooking and heating devices.
- We are seeing early indicators that student enrolments will be up for both Masco and Essex Tech. We do not have a firm picture as it pertains to budget impacts at this time, but we are preparing for an increase.
- As a reminder, we will be joined by the engineers at TEC for a Citizen's Traffic Forum from 6pm-7pm at the Flint Public Library tomorrow (Wednesday) evening.
- I have completed my MCPPO renewal, extending my designation through Dec. 2027
- Masco Teachers negotiations have been successful, with a tentative agreement reached last week. More financial details will be made public upon ratification.
- A Citizens' Petition was received on Friday, November 1st for the review of MBTA Communities at the Dec 12th Special. Nearly 250 signatures have been certified.
- As a reminder, the Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Nov 13th at 7pm to discuss the proposed ADU Bylaw and MBTA Communities.
- A second Planning Board Public Hearing, triggered by the Citizens' Petition, will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, Nov 20th to discuss the MBTA Communities Citizens' Petition.
- Special Town Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday, December 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator