

Town Administrator Update



February 4, 2025

- We have received news that the Maple Street Bridge has been pushed back to Summer 2027 for construction.
- The Charter Review Committee has been meeting, with an anticipated hearing on their findings in the next month.
- The deadline to file an Action Plan relative to the EOHLC Emergency Regulations is upcoming on February 13th. This will be discussed later in the meeting.
- We have kicked off Capital Budget Department Head meetings this week, with a majority to occur through this week and the next.
- I have submitted the contract for our \$2million MassWorks grants and waiting for a response from the state.
- The Building Committee met on Jan 22 to follow up on items approved by the Select Board at your Jan 21 meeting. They also reviewing interior finishes with the design team.
- We are rolling out a new phone system at town offices. We do not anticipate any disruptions to service.
- The Villebridge project will be coming before the ZBA to officially remove the drive thru infrastructure on their site plan. This change will help accommodate a proposed 180 seat dining venue.
- I have met with the Town Administrators from Boxford and Topsfield to discuss budgetary figures related to the Elementary Schools and Masco. We will continue to monitor these budgets as they take shape.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator