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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
JULY 26, 2021 SELECT BOARD MEETING

REPORTING PERIOD

The reporting period is from July 13, 2021 through July 23, 2021

Finance

Finance has been running preliminary numbers regarding the FY21 budget. Currently we sit at a surplus of \$160k. The budget will stay open until September in order to pay invoices for goods and services purchased in the prior year. We anticipate the final number will be a surplus of approximately \$100k in the budget as well as additional monies from warrant articles that were planned for but not spent. These funds will fall to fund balance at that time.

Police

The Police Department has been very busy with traffic accidents. They have investigated 72 accidents so far this year, in comparison to 87 accidents in all of 2020. A reminder to please drive safely and report dangerous driving.

The Departments intern from Great Bay Community College has started and is assisting during the department's evidence room audit.

Fire

The Fire Department received a generous donation of a new ice machine from the Airfield Café. They have also recently received a donation of a portable water cooler from The Home Depot and 10 cases of water from 1-800-BOARDUP.

Collectively, these donations have greatly assisted the department in its Firefighter Rehabilitation initiative, ensuring firefighters stay well hydrated during extreme heat conditions and when operating at any fire scene or long-duration emergency. Their generosity has a direct impact on protecting our firefighters from incurring any heat-related medical emergency following physical exertion.

Facilities

Town Hall. Director Hubbard is beginning the bid process for the painting required on the front of the building and steeple area.

The Library. Nothing new to report. When the changeover to the new building occurs the Town will take over responsibility for the old Library building.

Stone Building. We experienced a leak in the roof of the building after the recent heavy rains. The leak has been repaired. Thank you to Steve Burns for his assistance on this project.

Town Office/Chevalier Building. We have scheduled a public input meeting for the Police/Fire/TO buildings. The meeting will begin on July 27, 2021 at 6pm with a tour of the current facilities and continue at 7pm at the Town Hall. All residents are encouraged to attend and make your voices heard.

Recreation

Replacement parts for the playground at Dearborn Park are on order which will complete our safety upgrades. The donated playground equipment removed from the Homestead property will be reassembled at Dearborn Park when the safety upgrades are completed this summer.

Projects

PFAS Investigation. The report is being finished and I have scheduled a representative from StoneHill Environmental to present their findings to the Board on August 23rd.

Beach Stickers. Nothing new to report. Beach sticker sales have slowed though there are still stickers available for residents who choose to purchase one.

Education Funding. We received our invoice for North Hampton's share of the Coalition Communities. It has been paid.

Telephone System/Communications. Nothing new to report. We expect notification on the phone grant through the State soon, if the answer is positive we will move forward with the new system.

Cell Tower. Work continues in the search for a suitable location for a cell tower. I will brief the Board when the issue requires action on their part.

Regionalization. Nothing new to report. Chief Lajoie and the Rye Fire Department have established new automatic response guidelines and are currently operating under those protocols. This involves the response of a Rye ladder truck to our community with an engine response to their community when required. These responses are handled through the mutual aid contract between the communities.

Coronavirus. Nothing new to report. Fire Department employees are discontinuing their efforts in the vaccine rollout phase. Vaccines will now be given by primary care providers for the remaining individuals that wish to receive them.

Walkway Project. Cuts have been made in the pavement, we have begun requesting bids from contractors and Director Hubbard is prepared to remove the pavement when we have a start date for the project

Coakley Landfill Group. Nothing new to report. The last meeting was June 28th. The next meeting has been scheduled for August 24th and I will plan to attend.

Junkyard Closures and/or New Problems: Town employees are working to solve a safety issue involving car carriers unloading vehicles in the middle and sides of route 1. Efforts will continue in the future to curtail this activity. Most recently we have moved the electronic sign in the area to warn violators.

Bandstand: Nothing new to report. Seacoast Tree Care held a tree pruning training class for their employees at the Town Common on June 11th, that day of labor was a donation to the Town. The work was finished on Friday June 25th.

Rails to Trails. The Rails to Trails meeting was postponed due to a lack of a quorum. I will post a new agenda when a new date is determined.

Public Works. Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for July 31, 2021 9am to 12pm at the Brentwood Highway Facility. Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District is sponsoring the collection and North Hampton is a member of the 6 town district. Residents should stay in their vehicles and have their waste in a container such as a box or old plastic container which will be removed by the contractors and left at the Brentwood Facility. Info pamphlets for the collection are available at the Town Offices and the Recycling Center.

Paving projects are substantially complete at Grandview Terrace, Evergreen Dr., Cherry Road, Park Circle, Cedar Rd, and the North Hampton Recycling Center. Shoulder work and clean-up will be completed over the next few weeks.

Philbrick Pond. The working group is preparing the bid documents to find a contractor. The wetlands permit has been submitted to NHDES and the cobble weir project is expected to occur this fall.

Document Management System. We were notified RPC is running a bit behind on the GIS mapping project due to a lack of personnel. We are now looking at an August or September finish

date. We are currently looking into software upgrades that would enable us to offer online permitting as well as accept credit card payments. This type of system would be more efficient for residents as well as contractors.

Meeting Schedule: Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on August 9, 2021.