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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE of the TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AUGUST 22, 2022 SELECT BOARD MEETING

REPORTING PERIOD

The reporting period is from July 22, 2022 through August 19, 2022

Finance

The new budget year has begun, the FY22 budget will remain open until August to pay the remainder of expenses received.

Police

The Police Department kicked off their participation with the nationwide Highway Safety Campaign: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Grant funding allows for additional patrols to address drunk driving and related offenses.

After a two year stint in the private sector, the police department has welcomed back Officer Tim Scott as a full time police officer. We feel very fortunate that Officer Scott has decided to return to policing in our community.

Fire

The Fire Department has moved the majority of its equipment to 34 Lafayette Road and will be operating out of the facility shortly. They have completed the background on a new candidate and will be bringing the candidate forward to the Board.

Facilities

Town Hall. Nothing new to report. I have received bids for the insulation in the Town Hall. The project will be in the \$2500 range which will pay off very quickly. I am working with Mr. Schnitzler to have the catwalk installed before the insulation is completed this fall.

New Town Office/Fire/Police Buildings. There is an item on the agenda to introduce Marc Jobin, the clerk of the works, as well as for the Board to receive an update of the project.

Stone Building. I have spoken to the contractor who stated he is running behind due to the hot weather but that we are still on the schedule for the flashing work to be completed.

Town Office/Chevalier Building. Nothing new to report.

Recreation

Summer camp has ended with children enjoying many trips and activities over the summer. Old Home Day was a success with good attendance at various events. Thank you to Joe Manzi for all of the planning and effort that went into making the event a success.

Highway

DPW has been working on routine landscape maintenance on the town complex/parks as well as prepping for Old Home day at Dearborn Park.

Clean up and shoulders on Buckskin and Deer Run are ongoing as well as replacement of 180' of Drain Pipe on Sylvan Road.

Currently three DPW trucks are OOS due to recall and mechanical issues.

After the resignation of an employee we are seeking 2 people at Recycling. Saturdays 8 Hrs. at the Brush Facility and 16-24 Hrs. a week at the Recycling Center.

Projects

Credit Cards. The Town Offices are now able to accept credit cards for payment from residents as well as contractors. There is a percentage fee charged at the time of the transaction for this payment type. Thank you to Jan Facella for spearheading this project.

Route 1 Culvert. After conversation with NHDOT they are trying to schedule the culvert replacement at the same time as the bridge replacement project.

PFAS Investigation. Paperwork has been completed and submitted to NHDES to finalize the grant. The project to install the water line will be scheduled for this fall.

Revaluation. Nothing new to report. MRI has been notified that their bid was chosen for the contract. That will be scheduled for next spring.

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.

Walkway Project. Nothing new to report. This project will be completed after the buildings have been constructed. This alleviates the chance of damage during construction.

Coakley Landfill Group. The group is scheduled to meet on August 24th. I plan to attend that meeting.

Junkyard Closures and/or New Problems: Nothing new to report. We are seeing some improvement with vehicles pulling off of Route 1 for deliveries. The Police have visited dealerships in Town and have issued Summonses to violators.

Rails to Trails. Nothing new to report. Mr. Sununu has been working with RPC on sub-committees for signage and other aspects. A meeting will be scheduled when a quorum can be sat.

CIP. The final report is currently being written by the committee and October 10th has been tentatively scheduled for the committee to present to the Select Board.

Seacoast Private Well Initiative. North Hampton will be collaborating with Exeter for our area of the well testing. Currently we are looking at a date in the beginning of December. I will keep the Board updated on firm dates when they are chosen.

Lafayette Trail Marker. The date for the unveiling of the trail marker has been confirmed for September 13th at 10 am at the bandstand.

Meeting Schedule: Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on September 12, 2022.