



Town of Wenham

Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Memorandum

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Anthony M. Ansaldi, Jr., Town Administrator
DATE: November 19, 2019
RE: Town Administrator Report

Thanks to our recent grant of \$127,086 from the Green Communities Grant Program, the Hamilton Wenham Public Library, Fire Station, Police Station, Highway Department and, Town Hall have all been retrofitted with new LED lights. Collectively, we hope to recognize almost \$19,000 in electricity cost savings and reducing our carbon footprint by almost 111,000 KWH annually.

On Saturday, November 16th, Congressman Seth Moulton had a Congressional Town Hall from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. He also met with local appointed and elected leaders from 2:30 – 3:00 PM to discuss issues directly relevant to Wenham and her residents. The main event was well attended by over 50 people throughout the North Shore in addition to several Wenham residents.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish each of you, our wonderfully committed staff and the residents of this fine community a Happy Thanksgiving. As we reflect on this past year, we all having something to be thankful for as I certainly do in being selected as your Town Administrator. I would also be remised if I didn't offer deep condolences to the family of Lt. Jason Menard, a Worcester firefighter, who gave the ultimately sacrifice by succumbing to injuries sustained battling a four alarm fire in the early morning of November 13th and was laid to rest on November 18th.

The following is a brief update on what are Town Departments have/will be working on:

Public Works

The DPW has started the loose leaf collection and expect this to continue for the next two months. Residents can follow along on daily updates by visiting the Town's website, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts. They also continue getting our snow and ice fighting equipment into working order to combat whatever Mother Nature brings their way.

Fire Department

Our Fire Department will be once gain opening their doors for an Open House from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM by participating in the Hamilton Wenham Holiday Festival. They will also be participating in the

Public Safety Toys for Tots toy drive on Saturday December 7th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Donations of new unwrapped toys are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Police

The Police have seen an increase in trespassing on and around Wenham Lake. In fact, just last week they actually had to remove a boater. The Police Department suspect that fishing websites are the reason for the increase. As mentioned, the Police Department have partnered with the Fire Department in the Toys for Tots toy drive

Finance Department

There will be some personnel coming and goings. First, I would like to welcome Sherrie LeBlanc to our Finance team as the Assistant Treasurer/Collector Payroll and Benefits Coordinator as Monday November 18th was her first day. On Friday, November 22nd, we will be saying goodbye to our Finance Director Patty Moore as she heads to Kittery Maine to become the Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director for that community. FY18 & FY19 Liens have been executed and will be filed at Registry of Deeds within the next 60 days. Q2 Tax Collections continue, with approximately 125 bills still outstanding.

Council on Aging

Our COA Director Jim Reynolds has completed the FY19 Formula Grant application and submitted to Executive Office of Elder Affairs on November 15, 2019. On November 19th, from 10 – 11 am. Jackie Bresnahan and myself had the pleasure of presenting an overview of municipal government followed by a question and answer during the Lunch & Learn at the COA on November 14th.