

Michael D. Borg
Town Manager



TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023
TO: Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Report

Below are key activities, that I think would be of interest:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Updates

- **LEPC Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2023**
- **CODE RED- We continue to encourage** all residents, Boards, Committees, and Commission Members to sign up for CODE RED notifications. This can be done by going to our website nattleboro.com and it is on the main page **“Emergency Alert Signup.”**

COMMUNICATION – Updates

- **Town Manager Report with North TV - February 6, 2023**
- **Coastal One Bank Ribbon Cutting- February 17, 2023 at 9:30AM**
- **Keep North Attleboro Beautiful (KNAB’s) 10th Annual Town Wide Great American Cleanup** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6, 2023.**

OPERATION and FINANCE – Updates

- **Statutory Exemptions- Local Options for Fiscal 2024 (see attached)**
- **Tri-County Visit on February 2, 2023**
- **Downtown Concept Brief- February 7, 2023** -Discussion of Downtown Improvements with Constituents.
- **Meeting with Plainville Town Administrator** to discuss Veterans Concept & Animal Control Agreement- **February 13, 2023**
- **Meeting with Congressman Auchincloss’s Chief of Staff -February 13, 2023**
Discussion’s with NAPD Chief McQuade & NAFD Coleman regarding issues seen on a daily basis in North Attleborough.
- **FY24 Expressions of Interest Grants for Consideration:** Five top priority projects/initiatives that were submitted for a One-Stop Application for consideration for Community Growth:
 - *Revitalization of Downtown \$6,300,000.00
 - *Remediation of Contamination at Webster Mill Building \$830,000.00
 - *Remediation of Benson Trust Mill \$860,000.00
 - *Remediation for Richards Memorial Library \$1,770,000.00

*7 EV Charging Stations for Schools \$350,000.00

- **High School Athletic Complex looks spectacular.** Bleachers on Home and Away Sides look awesome. Received bids for the Concession Stand/Bathrooms last Friday. Schools are analyzing these bids now.

- **Retail Marijuana Location Updates:**

- **Pure Roots-** Met on 2/6/2023- Proposed location is 91 George Levin Drive next to new 40R Development
- **Green Leaf-** Met on 2/9/2023- Proposed location is 80 East Washington St. across from North Bowl

- **2023 Town election Calendar** for North Attleboro

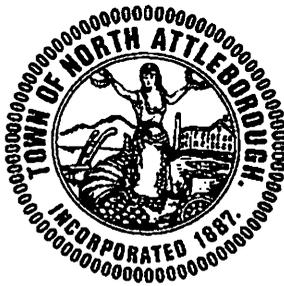
- Papers Returned for the following positions as of Friday 02/10/2023:

<u>Elected Boards</u>	<u>Open Seats</u>	<u>Papers Turned in</u>
○ Town Council	9	11
○ Board of Electric Commissioners	1	1
○ Board of Public Works	1	1
○ Park Commissioners	2	2
○ School Committee	2	4

- **Mandatory Open Meeting Law Training Session- March 9, 2023 at 6:30PM**
All Board, Commission, Committee & Council Members

PERSONNEL – Update

- **Matthew Fondas** appointed to the Historical Commission



TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John V. Bellissimo, *Chairman*
Paul B. Pinsonnault
Gene Morris

Cheryl Smith
Assistant Assessor

Date: February 2, 2023

To: Michael Borg, Town Manager

From: Cheryl Smith, Assistant Assessor

RE: Statutory Exemptions-local options for Fiscal 2024

At the North Attleborough Board of Assessors meeting on February 2, 2023 the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to present to the Town Manager the following:

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which allows an additional real estate tax exemption of one hundred percent, (100%) of said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 37, 41C, of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Passage of this article will return qualified property owners a tax exemption that compensates for the effects of inflation since the exemptions were initially established.

Clause 22G, Veteran whose property is being held in trust for their benefit will now qualify. A veteran would have to qualify for an exemption if property was not held in trust. Without this Clause, the veteran would not qualify for the exemption if the house were held in a trust.

Clause 22H, Full exemption to qualifying surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and veterans who during active duty suffered an injury or illness documented by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death or are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the armed forces of the United States.

Clause 41A, Seniors may delay payment of their property taxes. A deferral does not discharge the tax obligation like an exemption. Instead, it defers payment until the senior sells the property or passes away. Upon qualification the senior would enter into a written tax deferral and recovery agreement with the assessors. The assessors will record the agreement at the Registry of Deeds. The current Income limit (gross receipts) is \$20,000 for both a single person or married couple. The Board of Assessors support the local option change to \$20,000 for a single person and \$40,000 for a married couple. This is consistent with the Fiscal 2022 local option changes to Clause 41C (Elderly) After discussion with Christopher Sweet, Treasurer/Collector they unanimously agreed to support a change in interests from 8% to 5%.

Clause 56, Upon the acceptance by the Town, the Board of Assessors may grant an Abatement/Exemption up to 100 percent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the Fiscal Year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of the Town Council.

As an update:

State Reimbursements, At the end of each Fiscal Year exemption totals are reported to the DOR and reimbursements are made to the Town for many of the exemptions granted. For Fiscal Year 2021 a total of \$96,325.62 was reimbursed out of \$276,413.12 granted. For Fiscal Year 2022 with the newly adopted changes a total of \$103,127.24 was reimbursed out of \$297,777.24 granted.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Smith
Assistant Assessor
Town of North Attleborough