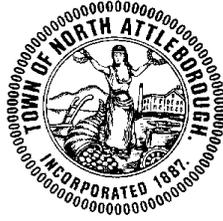


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Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 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:

- The hurricane season spans from June 1st to November 30th. We are tracking an increase in tropical activities in the Atlantic and Caribbean regions as of this report. We'll keep you informed of any developments that might affect our locality.
 - We are currently tracking Hurricane Lee. This tropical event is scheduled to arrive off the coast of Massachusetts sometime Saturday. The storm is currently a CAT 1 storm. 7
- Local Flooding Update – Saturday saw an unprecedented 4.1 inches fall in 45 minutes in North Attleborough. We experienced localized flooding along the 10 Mile River and several low-lying areas in Town. The following information is provided by Chief Coleman, NAFD:

During the 9/9/23 storm the Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service broken down into the following categories:

- 22 calls for flooding
- 5 NAFD initiated damage assessment/windshield surveys of the fire apparatus first due districts.
- 3 Power lines down
- 3 Emergency Medical Calls for service.
- 3 Central Station Alarm calls
- 2 Radio Box alarm calls
- 2 Local alarm calls
- Total calls for the fire department in a 24-hour period: 53

Parties rescued from vehicles from flooding x 5

Streets reported to be flooded.

- 21 East
- 156 East
- Ash ST at South Washington all the way to CVS

- Chestnut from South Washington to Rt1
 - Plain St at 95 overpass.
 - CVS lot
 - Rt1 at CVS
 - Rt1 at Elmwood
 - 200 West St.
 - School at Broad
 - Rt1 at Draper
 - 56 Blackberry
 - North end of town in the area of Achins Garage
 - End of Dexter Street
 - End of Franklin Ave
 - Whiting's area of Broad
 - School Street at Broad
 - Orne Street in the area of 54
- **Chief Coleman will provide an update on the flooding events that took place on 11 SEP 23.**
 - **Falls Pond Dam:** After speaking with Chief Coleman and Shannon, the Chief spoke with the City of Attleboro and we agreed that we will be opening the Falls Pond Dam slightly today and leave it open to slowly drain through Friday, unless it starts to get too low for boats. We will determine the timing for closing the dam once we meet and discuss Hurricane Lee on Thursday.

This action will help lower the pond and river upstream of Falls Pond Dam, creating freeboard to stay ahead of any weather tonight through Thursday and give us options for addressing what is to come this weekend. It should be opened within the hour.

Thanks, **Mark L. Hollowell**, Director of Public Works

- Email discussions with the City of Attleboro took place today. We have agreed to discuss the 10 Mile River flooding and Falls Pond dam operations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- NAHS First Football Game of the Year at the new Sports Complex! Congrats to NAHS and their victory over Bishop Feehan. Very well attended. Complex looks amazing.
- **Block Party**-September 20, 2023 from 5:00PM- 8:00PM
- **Senior Center 50th Anniversary Party on Wednesday, September 20, 2023** at 12:30PM-2:30PM. All Town Councilors are invited.
- **Farmers Market** – Every Wednesday night 5:00PM -8:00PM until September 20, 2023

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- **Tiger Team – Migrant Housing in North Attleborough** – This afternoon I met with Rep Scanlon, Superintendent Antonucci, Chief McQuade, Chief Coleman, the Health Director, Treasurer Sweet, and various supporting staff members of the administration to discuss the potential impacts 40 migrant families being placed in North Attleborough. Tomorrow we will have a follow-up meeting with several agencies identified by our team that we would like to engage with about current migrant impacts on communities. As of this writing, we have no word of any migrants being placed in North Attleborough. This is developing situation.

- Migrant families have begun arriving in North Attleborough over the weekend. To date we have received 20 families (approximately 60 people). We believe there will be 10 school age children. Ongoing talks and coordination with the state and various organizations handling this issue. Thanks to all who are helping with this.
- **Downtown Improvement** - We are excited to move one step closer to a more vibrant downtown. Public Meeting was held on August 29, 2023. The evening kicked off with a short presentation, followed by interactive stations where our team was on hand to collect feedback. The Town has partnered with Stantec to brainstorm enhancements for our downtown to further beautify our space for businesses, pedestrians, and to create a thriving local destination.

The downtown concept meeting on August 29 went very well. Stantec presented a downtown concept plan based on the public feedback so far. The plan made changes to add parking spaces, improve pedestrian friendliness, and for downtown placemaking. There was tables setup with the downtown concept plan at each one where people sat. Town Planner Gil Hilario, DPW Director Mark Hollowell, and staff from Stantec were at the tables and answered questions and went over the plan. Many people attended. There appeared to be a general consensus on the plan and people were excited. This was the third public meeting. Also, we had a downtown concept station in the lobby of town hall and an online survey link where we gained a lot of input. The public engagement process is wrapping up and we are discussing next steps with Stantec on getting final plans. A part of this project is re-designing the Church Street parking lot.

- **Measure and List**- Measure and List is complete. Assessor is just waiting for all hard copies to be returned and then they will be reviewed. Once information is compiled, it will be online and then it will be put on social media for taxpayers to review. If they have any questions on the data, the Assessor's Office will have a process in place to rectify.
 - The Vision part of project is complete, just working on getting the hard copies to us (they are putting all the property cards and mailers in parcel order)
 - Working with Vision to update website with the updated parcel data.
 - Once updated online taxpayers can contact us with questions, and we will set up interior inspections for any interior changes.
 - We will set up appointments with the Board as needed.
- **North Attleboro Business Accelerator (NABA)** – The NABA Board of Strategic Partners has completed 13 interviews and will select 6 applicants for funding early next week. We will work with the Economic Development Subcommittee for a date to review winning applications.
- **The ECode is now complete!**
- **Tri-County MSBA Special Election scheduled for -October 24, 2023; 12:00PM-8:00PM**
- **Boulter Farms EPA Cleanup Grant \$500,000** – Meeting postponed and will be

rescheduled

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- Sandra McCrory the Zoning and Conservation Assistant has taken on the role of Historical Assistant as well. Her title has changed to Administrator Coordinator, and she has been promoted from Grade Two to Grade Three. \$2,490.16 has been transferred from the Salary Reserve to cover this increase.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

- Debbie Clifton has begun her role as the Library Director as of September 7, 2023

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Accounting Assistant-Gr.2-Full Time- Town Accountant's Office-Internal-** Closes September 6, 2023
- **Bus Driver-** Parks and Recreation – Part Time- Open until filled.
- **Heavy Equipment Operator- Full Time-Water Department- Internal-** Closes September 11, 2023
- **Housing Authority-** Resident Services Coordinator- Open until filled.
Part-Time Bookkeeper- Open until filled.
- **Soccer Program-** Part-Time- Park and Recreation
- **Many School Department Opportunities:** Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>