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Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2024
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:

- National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for North Attleborough on Saturday, March 23, 2024. We received a total of 3.09 inches of rain. We did experience localized flooding in several areas Town.
 - Safety Tips to prepare for the event were shared on Social Media and the Town's Website:
 - All residents are encouraged to sign up for CODE RED
 - Stay at home and only travel on roads if necessary
 - Check your sump pumps
 - Make sure your flashlights are charged and ready to go.
 - Secure any outdoor furniture
 - Charge your cell phones
 - Thank you to the NAPD, NAFD, and the DPW for their assistance during this event.
- **Webster Mill Building FAQ-** Frequently Asked Questions about the property can be found on our website at <https://nattleboro.com/918/Webster-Mill-Building-FAQ>
 - The remaining building on the property has been boarded up to prevent anyone from entering and the Town has erected a 6-foot chain-link fence surrounding the property's perimeter.
 - The Town will work with the property owners to properly dispose of the pile of debris that remains on the premises.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Community Conversation Event** was held at Box Seats on March 21, 2024.
 - It was well attended.
 - Guest speakers were Council President Pare' and Park and Recreation Director Steve Carvalho.
 - Topics discussed: parks and fields, recreation opportunities, the Webster Mill building and more. All discussions on all town-related matters were welcomed.

- The next Community Conversation date is TBD.
- **New Hire On-Boarding** was held on **March 22, 2024**
- **Earth Day** is on **April 5, 2024**
- **Keep North Attleborough Beautiful** is on **May 4, 2024**

OPERATIONAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

- Lenore's Food Pantry Distribution is on March 25, 2024 and March 26, 2024 from 3:00PM-5:00PM each day.
- **Annual Town Elections:** Currently scheduled for April 2, 2024. Please see the Town's website under the Town Manager's tab for current positions that are open and deadlines for applications.
- **Compost Site Opens on April 5, 2024**
 - Hours of operation:
 - Friday 8:30AM-3:30PM
 - Saturday 8:00AM-3:30PM
 - Sunday 8:00AM-3:30PM
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- **Hazardous Waste Day is on April 20, 2024**, from 9:00AM-12:00PM at the Highway Department on Smith Street.
- **MSBA Project- All residents are encouraged** to learn more about the NA High School Building Project and the MSBA Project, view introductory video on the Town's website at <https://www.naschools.net/o/naps/page/msba-project-updates>

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- **FY25 Final Budget Presentation will be presented to the TC on April 8, 2024**
 - **Stipends:** As we navigate the Town's budget this year, an element of our discussions revolves around the compensation for our dedicated board, committee, and commission members. Previously, the Town of North Attleborough has recognized the hard work and commitment of these members through the provision of stipends. This practice was a testament to our community's appreciation for the time and expertise volunteered by these individuals, contributing significantly to our town's governance and development.

As we are evaluating our finances, a compelling case has been presented by a resident of our community, advocating for the reintroduction of stipends for board, committee, and commission members. This proposal is not just a call for reconsideration of past practices but a reflection on how we value civic engagement and the role of volunteerism in our local governance.

- **We have received an additional \$257,098.42 in National Opioid Settlements.**

PERSONNEL:

- **Veterans Agent Melissa Bingham** started today. Welcome aboard!
- **Human Resources Director Interviews** are underway.
- Conducting Interviews for Boards, Commissions, & Committees. Reappointments and New Appointments will be presented at the April 8, 2024 TC Meeting.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Senior Center Director**- Full Time- Council on Aging- March 20, 2024- April 2, 2024
- **Water Quality Supervisor**- Full Time- DPW-Open until filled.
- **Administrative Assistant**- Full Time- Assessors- March 12, 2024- March 25, 2024
- **Summer Season**- Part Time- Parks & Recreation- Closes April 4, 2024
- **Game Officials- Girls Softball Program**- Part Time- Closes March 28, 2024
- **Many School Department Opportunities**: Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>