

Michael D. Borg
Town Manager



TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH
43 South Washington Street
North Attleborough MA 02760
508-699-0100

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 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:

1. Emergency Management Updates

- **Webster Mill Building:** Updated FAQs available [online @ https://www.nattleboro.com/918/Webster-Mill-Building-FAQ](https://www.nattleboro.com/918/Webster-Mill-Building-FAQ)
The remaining structure is secured; debris disposal plans are in progress with property owners.
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting:** Met this morning, May 29, 2024, at 11:00 AM.
- **FEMA Disaster Relief:** Updated FAQ's available [online @ https://www.nattleboro.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=382](https://www.nattleboro.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=382)

2. Community Events and Communications

- **Memorial Day Remembrance:** Was held on May 25, 2024.
- **Town Managers Media Engagements: TAYLOR**
 - **Town Manager Report with North TV:** Was held today May 29, 2024
 - **Podcast:** (May 25, 2024) Memorial Day Episode- Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito, Economic Developer Lyle Pirnie, and Former Veterans Agent Steve Travers
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Paint North Attleborough Beautiful:**
June 1, 2024- 10:00AM at World War I Memorial Park.
 - 10:00AM- Artists Sign-In
 - 10:00AM-2:30PM- Artists Paint in Town
 - 2:00PM- Art Market Begins- Arts & Crafts Vendors, Artist Vendors, DJ Bob K., Chainsaw Wood Carving Demo, Live Music, Food & Ice Cream Trucks
 - 2:30PM Artists Submit Artwork
 - 2:30PM-3:00PM- Judges Review Artwork

- 2:30PM- Rhythm Room Performance
- 3:00PM- Art Prizes Announced
- 4:30PM-6:30PM- Table Scratches Concert
- The Cultural Council will be giving away Color North Attleborough Beautiful coloring books at the event.
- **Farmers Market: Begins on June 5, 2024:** Every Wednesday until September 11, 2024- 5:00PM- 8:00PM

3. Operational and Economic Development

- **Regional Opioid Discussion:** Meeting held on May 29, 2024. Several communities, private partners, and key dignitaries attended.
- **High School Building Committee Meeting:** Meeting held on May 23, 2024
- **MSBA Community Forum:** Public Forum was held on May 23, 2024
- **DPW Updates:**
 - **2024 Water Restriction:** Updated FAQs available [online @ https://www.nattleboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/7478/2024-Water-Restriction-Notice-PDF](https://www.nattleboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/7478/2024-Water-Restriction-Notice-PDF)
 - **North Washington Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project:** Replacement of concrete sidewalks on both sides of North Washington St. from Fisher St. to East Washington St. and Park St.
- **Rodent Update:** (see attached)
- **Bristol County Mosquito Control Project now accepting resident's Adulticide Requests:**
 - To make a request, residents can call (508) 823-5253, fax (508) 828-1868, or e-mail a spray request to: RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net.
- **Recreation Signups:** <https://northattleboroughma.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx>

4. Financial Matters

- **Funds Transfer:** Funding to cover Salary Expenses in the amount of \$247.00 for the Board of Health. (see attached)
- **Funds Transfer:** Funding to cover Salary Expenses in the amount of \$200.00 for Regular Overtime Salary for the Zoning Board of Appeals. (see attached)

5. Personnel Updates

- **Reappointments and Confirmations:**
 - Boards, Commissions, and Committees reappointments.

- **Police Department:**
 - **New NAPD Officers:**
 - Jacob Beder, Meghan Croteau, Steven Curran, Zenilson Daveiga, Timothy Delano, Daniel Kraeutler and Ryan Murphy.

6. Employment Opportunities

- **Current Openings:**
 - Municipal Utility Inspector, Water & Sewer (Full-time).
 - Water Quality Supervisor, DPW (Full-time).
 - Office Assistant, Treasurers (Part-Time).
 - Numerous opportunities in the School Department [online](https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx) @ <https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>

Update on North Attleborough's Vector Control Strategy. Currently, we are developing a comprehensive vector control strategy for the Town and drawing insights from the rat control methods used in other municipalities.

1. Key Observations from Other Municipalities:

- **Identification and Monitoring:** Regular monitoring and identification of rat populations are crucial. This involves inspecting potential rat habitats and looking for signs of infestation such as droppings, burrows, and gnaw marks.
- **Exclusion and Habitat Modification:** Preventing rats from entering buildings and reducing available food and shelter are essential. This includes sealing entry points, proper storage of food and waste, and maintaining cleanliness to eliminate potential nesting sites.
- **Rodenticide Use:** The strategic use of rodenticides can help control populations. It's important to follow safety guidelines and consider the environmental impact.
- **Public Education:** Educating the public about preventing infestations and the importance of reporting sightings can enhance community involvement and support for control measures.
- **Data Collection and Analysis:** Collect non-emergency service requests related to rodent sightings. This data is then analyzed to identify hotspots and trends, allowing for targeted interventions.
- **Smart Technology:** Implementing smart boxes and smart pipes helps in monitoring and controlling rodent populations. These devices are placed in strategic locations to trap and monitor rodents, providing real-time data on rodent activity.
- **Community Engagement:** Public participation is encouraged by reporting sightings and adhering to best waste management practices and property maintenance practices. Provides information to residents on how to prevent infestations.

Proposed Vector Control Strategy for North Attleborough:

1. **Continue our Monitoring and Data Collection:**
 - Continue to track sightings through our existing reporting system.
 - Conduct regular inspections of potential rodent habitats in public and private spaces when allowed/authorized.
2. **Prevention and Exclusion:**
 - Educate residents and businesses on proper waste management and exclusion techniques.
 - Promote structural maintenance to seal entry points in buildings.
3. **Active Control Measures:**
 - Use rodenticides and traps strategically, ensuring they are placed in areas with high rodent activity and following safety guidelines.
4. **Legal Support:**
 - Implement local regulations similar to Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act, mandating property owners to take preventive measures and imposing fines for non-compliance.
5. **Public Education and Engagement:**

- Launch a public awareness campaign to inform residents about the importance of reporting sightings and maintaining clean, rodent-free environments.
 - Provide resources and support for community-led clean-up and prevention efforts.
- 6. Collaboration with Stakeholders:**
- Maintain regular inspections and collaborate with neighboring municipalities to share resources and strategies. Conduct periodic reviews and updates of the control measures based on new data and emerging trends.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

TO: Town Council

CC: Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti
Assistant Town Accountant Tammy Baillargeon
Health Director & Public Health Nurse AnneMarie Fleming

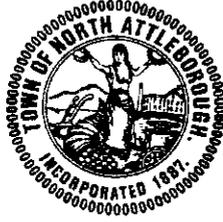
FROM: Town Manager Michael D. Borg *MDB 24 MAY 24*

RE: Funds Transfer- Funding to cover \$247.00 for the Health Department Salary Line

AMOUNT: \$247.00

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6-6 (c) and in accordance with the Town Council's action on Measure 2023- 072 at its June 14, 2023 Town Council Meeting, which provides the Town Manager with the authority to transfer up to \$20,000.00 within budget line items, please accept this memo as your record of the transfer of \$247.00 from Salary Reserve Fund 019498-518000 to Salary Line Item 015118-511103. The transfer of funds is needed to cover the shortage in Salary Expenses for the Health Department.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024
FROM: Town Manager Michael D. Borg *M.D. Borg 20MAY24*
TO: Town Council
CC: Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti
Assistant Town Accountant Tammy Baillargeon
Zoning Clerk Sandra McCrory
RE: Funds Transfer- Regular Overtime Salary ZBA
AMOUNT: \$200.00

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6-6 (c) and in accordance with the Town Council's action on Measure 2023- 072 at its June 14, 2023 Town Council Meeting, which provides the Town Manager with the authority to transfer up to \$20,000.00 within budget line items, please accept this memo as your record of the transfer of \$200.00 from Salary Reserve Fund 019498 - 518000 to ZBA Regular Overtime account 011768 - 513000. The transfer of funds will cover regular overtime for the ZBA meetings until the end of the fiscal year.