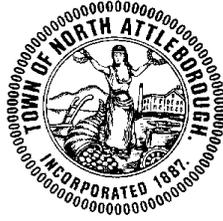


Michael D. Borg
Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, August 12, 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:

a. Hurricane Debby Update:

In anticipation of Hurricane Debby, the Town actively monitored the storm's trajectory and provided regular updates to the public. Vital information and links to emergency preparedness resources were disseminated through the Town website and social media channels.

In coordination with the City of Attleboro, we took proactive measures to manage dam operations and lower the Ten Mile River level. This action was intended to create additional capacity to absorb a significant amount of rainfall.

Fortunately, the storm tracked west of North Attleborough, resulting in minimal impact on our community.

The Town remains committed to prioritizing public safety and will continue to refine our emergency preparedness procedures. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of residents during this event.

- b. **Case Property Fire- 365 John Dietsch Blvd.** (See attached "B")
- c. **Health Department shares West Nile Virus, EEE Safety Tips** to ensure that residents stay protected against mosquito-borne illnesses. Please visit our website for more information:
<https://www.nattleboro.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=404>

2. Communications and Community Events:

a. Communications

- i. **Town Manager Report with North TV** was held on August 7, 2024
- ii. **Podcast: Town Hall Talks-** (July 24, 2024) **Becoming a**

- Canine Officer and Training with Canine Yoshi-** Town Manager Borg and NAPD Canine Officer Brenna Nelson
- iii. **Quarterly Meeting** with Board/Committee/Commission Chairs was held on July 10, 2024.
- iv. **NA Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** was held on July 29, 2024. They are now open to the public.
- v. **WWII Memorial Town Pool closes, August 17, 2024**
- vi. Early Voting in the Town Hall for the State Primary:

Saturday, August 24	9:00AM – 3:00PM
Monday, August 26	8:00AM – 6:00PM
Tuesday, August 27	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Wednesday, August 28	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Thursday, August 29	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Friday, August 30	8:00AM – 12:00PM

b. Upcoming Events

- i. **Mason Field New Pickleball Courts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11:00AM.
- ii. **Farmers Market:** Every Wednesday until September 11, 2024- 5:00PM- 8:00PM
- iii. **Cultural Council Summer Concert Series**

3. Operational and Economic Developments

- a. **North Attleborough Business Accelerator Update from Nelio Periera-Vaz, Owner of the Meat Bar:** Tonight, we will hear a brief update from Mr. Periera-Vaz. He will provide a brief overview of what has transpired since he received \$25,000.00 of funds under the ARPA program initiated by the Town.

b. DPW Updates:

- i. **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...) Water Restriction is in effect until September 30, 2024.
- ii. **McKeon Well-** Nearing completion, contractor will begin startup, and it will be back on-line in October.

c. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project still accepting resident’s Adulticide Requests:

- i. To make a request, residents can call (508) 823-5253, fax (508) 828-1868, or e-mail a spray request to: RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net.

- 4. **Financial Matters:** The Town recently held an introductory meeting with representatives from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, our newly appointed auditor. During this initial encounter, we had the opportunity to meet the audit team, exchange contact information, and engage in a preliminary

discussion about the upcoming annual audit for the Town. This meeting marked the beginning of a collaborative effort to ensure a smooth and comprehensive audit process.

5. Personnel Update:

- a. **Conservation Commission Chair:** Recognition of Clayton Hutchinson for his years of service
- b. **Veterans Agent:** Scott Smith is here tonight for Town Council's confirmation of appointment as the new Veterans Agent. This position is for North Attleboro, Plainville, and Wrentham.
- c. **Historical Commission:** Paul Collupy is here tonight for Town Council's confirmation of appointment as a member of the Historical Commission.
- d. **Cultural Council:** Faith Wilder is here tonight for Town Council's confirmation of appointment as a member of the Cultural Council.
- e. **Cultural Council:** Lauren Mello is here tonight for Town Council's confirmation of appointment as a member of the Cultural Council.

6. Employment Opportunities:

- a. **Grade 5 Plant Operator, DPW** -Full-time-open until filled
- b. **Water Quality Superintendent, DPW**-Full-time-open until filled
- c. **Bus Driver, Parks & Recreation & Senior Center** -Part time-open until filled
- d. Numerous opportunities in the School Department ([view listings](#)).

Attachment A

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Anhydrous Ammonia Leak JT Inman 31 Larsen Way

At 10:00am on July 30, 2024, the North Attleboro Public Safety Communications Office received a 911 call reporting an Ammonia Leak inside JT Inman a manufacturing facility located at 31 Larsen Way. While enroute the Shift commander received reports from dispatch that there was one inhalation injury. Upon arrival the Shift Commander directed all first alarm fire apparatus to stop short of the building and he noted a wind direction and instructed the first arriving EMS Unit to tend to the injured person and a wind direction was noted. The injured person who was the plumber indicated that he cut into a pipe which he thought was an airline however, was live ammonia line which was not labeled and he was told by the facilities staff that it was not live and not in use. The Shift Commander noted there was no vapor cloud and first arriving Engine 5 was directed to force entry into the fenced in area where the 500-gallon ammonia tank was located and shut off the flow. The Shift Commander requested a second alarm working fire assignment due to the danger of the chemical release and the potential to evacuate a large area. Additionally, a Tier 1 Hazmat response was requested from the Department of Fire Services State Team and upon their arrival they upgraded the response to a Tier 2. At the time of the release there was an estimated 15-18 employees in the building, and all were safely evacuated and accounted for. Shortly after the 1st injured person was identified several other employees started to complain of respiratory symptoms related to the ammonia release. An EMS Plan 1 was activated dispatching 5 ambulances to the scene. In total, 5 people were transported with one transported to Rhode Island Hospital with serious burns, however, are non-life-threatening.

North Attleboro Firefighters evacuated the delta side exposure as there was an odor on the outside of the building due to the internal building fans working and ventilating the building.

The State Haz Mat Team arrived and performed a size up and coordinated entry in fully encapsulating Level A Suits to meter the building, determine the flow had been stopped, ensure no other chemical processes were involved and ventilate the building. The team indicated they had readings of ammonia in the building and started to passively ventilate the building while we waited for the arrival of a large ventilation truck from the Middleboro Fire Department. During the entry phase North Attleboro Firefighters provided support with decontamination, Emergency Medical Standby and logistical support with equipment.

During the incident it was determined that JT Inman had not filed information with the fire department regarding chemicals in use, hazardous materials permits and other reporting requirements. DEP, EPA, and OSHA were all contacted and responded, and the incident remains under investigation. However, it does appear to be an accident.

The owner of the company was instructed to hire an LSP (Licensed Site Professional) to mitigate the remaining ammonia as well as address several other chemical concerns identified by DEP and EPA.

Command Structure:

Incident Command: Assistant Chief McKinnon

Operations: Captain/Shift Commander Mike Bristol

Accountability: Deputy Chief Mike Chabot

Safety/Rapid Intervention Team: Captain Josh Langille

Emergency Medical Services Sector: Captain Brian Kelley

Outside Agency Liaison: Chief Chris Coleman

Communications Officer: Supt of Fire Alarm (Assist with Accountability of Mutual Aid)

Staging Officer: Plainville Fire Chief

Fire Apparatus Response:

NAFD E5

NAFD E2

NAFD L1

NAFD R1

NAFD R2

NAFD Car 3 (Shift Commander)

NAFD C-2 (Asst. Chief)

NAFD Car 2 (Deputy Fire Chief)

NAFD Car 6 (Emergency Medical Services)

NAFD Car 59 (Supt of Fire Alarm/Communications Officer)

Plainville Fire Engine

Foxboro Fire Engine

Attleboro Fire Ladder

Mansfield Fire Ladder

Cumberland Fire Ladder

Plainville Chief Officer

Mansfield Fire Chief

Mansfield Deputy Fire Chief

Department of Fire Services Haz Mat Team

Mansfield MEMA Rehab
Department of Fire Services Rehab Unit
Providence Canteen

EMS Plan 1 Ambulance Response in addition to North Attleboro Rescues.

Attleboro
Norton
Norfolk
Seekonk
Foxboro Fire

Station Coverage:

Wrentham Engine
Cumberland Engine
Easton Engine
Cumberland Ladder Truck
Mansfield Chief
Cumberland Chief

Outside Agencies Contacted and Responded

DEP
OSHA
EPA
North Attleboro Police Department
North Attleboro Communications/PIO Liaison

In closing, this was a long duration and complicated incident where all agencies involved worked well together. Our Command Structure was activated as noted above and our mutual aid plans were implemented to ensure we had adequate personnel on the scene and ensure we had station coverage for the town during the incident. During this incident we had 5 additional calls for service which were handled by off duty firefighters and our mutual aid partners. The domestic water to the building was shut off due to concerns identified by the Department of Public Works Director and I ordered the business to remain shut down until the owners can comply with a list of mitigation requirements which include the following:

1. Empty/off load the remaining ammonia in the exterior tank. 425 gallons was off loaded from the 500 gallon tank on July 31, 2024.
2. Mitigate other chemicals not properly stored in the building.
3. Provide an inventory of chemicals.

4. Provide a written narrative of the processes performed at this business.
5. File the appropriate Tier 2 reports based on the Chemical List inventory and quantities.

6. Contact the Building Department to follow up with several rooms inside the building.
7. Follow up with the Water Department

8. Follow up with the Health Department

9. Follow up with the EPA and DEP through the contracted LSP (licensed site professional).

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Case Snow Property Fire

Sunday morning at 0348am the Communications Dispatch Center received a 911 call reporting a fire on the Case Snow Property at 356 John Dietsch Blvd. The initial calls were vague as the caller could not make out what was on fire however, a subsequent call indicated it was a building on the property. At this point a full assignment of fire apparatus was dispatched. Upon arrival firefighters found a double wide trailer being used as an administrative office for National Grid was fully involved. Additionally, near this trailer were several Conex boxes used for storage and an outdoor welding/cutting area. The rear parking lot is owned by Case Snow, and they lease the rear parking lot out to National Grid which appears to have been an arrangement for many years. Even though this has been an arrangement for some time, a temporary electrical service was noted and one of the Conex boxes which was on fire as well contained oils, greases, batteries, tires, a 55-gallon drum of Kerosine, acetylene, a 396-gallon plastic container of Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) and other chemicals used by their maintenance division. The DEF Fluid container was melted and was off gasing upon arrival of firefighters. The Supervisor for National Grid stated that this has been a satellite office location for their employees and is used extensively even to the extent of having these locations all throughout the state.

The fire was extinguished, power cut to the complex and is currently under investigation by the North Attleboro Fire Investigation Unit and Massachusetts State Police Fire Investigation Unit. At the current time, the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

DEP was notified and an LSP (Licensed Site Professional) responded to the scene and with coordination with National Grid has contracted with Clean Harbors to clean up the site and chemicals. Additionally, the Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector responded to the scene to evaluate the condition of the trailer and electricity. The Building Inspector has ordered a fence to be put up around the area and remove the double wide trailer as it is destroyed.