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Town Manager



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Monday, January 13, 2025  
**TO:** Town Council  
**FROM:** Michael D. Borg, Town Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Town Manager Report

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

**1. Emergency Management Updates:**

- a. Joint LEPC Public Meeting to be held on 1/29/2025 via Zoom & In-Person at the Town Hall in the JoAnn Cathcart Conference Room at 10:00AM
  - i. Share your ideas for reducing risk to Natural Hazards and Climate Change. Join this meeting to learn about this important project and to share your ideas for making North Attleborough more resilient to Natural Hazards and Climate Change.
  - ii. North Attleborough has formed a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee to identify risks and projects to mitigate those risks. The Town is working with a consultant hired by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan Update that will be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and adopted by the Town. This plan allows North Attleborough to apply for pre- and post- disaster mitigation funds.
- b. Fire Updates – NAFD Chief Chris Coleman

**2. Communications and Community Events:**

- a. North Attleboro Red Rocketeers were recognized at the State House this morning for their outstanding accomplishment for a phenomenal season and winning the Superbowl Game!
- b. **Communications**
  - i. Town Manager Report- January Edition was held on 1/2/2025
- c. **Upcoming Events**
  - i. **NAPHG Meetings for Town Retirees will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 12:00PM – 3:00PM** at the Masonic Temple located at 46 South Washington Street.

### 3. Operational and Economic Developments

**a. PFAS Update from DPW Director Mark Hollowell**

**b. Town Election**

- i. Papers are available until Friday, 02/07/2025 until 5:00PM
- ii. Completed papers need to be submitted to the Elections Office by Tuesday, 12/11/2025 at 5:00PM
- iii. Offices on the April 1, 2025 Ballot

1. Town Council	9 Openings	2 Year Term
2. School Committee	2 Openings	3 Year Term
3. Board of Public Works	2 Openings	3 Year Term
4. Parks & Recreation	1 Opening	3 Year Term
5. Electric Commission	2 Openings	3 Year Term

**c. A Breakfast meeting with Tri-County RVTHS was held on 12/10/2024.** The topics on the agenda included the building project, budget and debt.

**d. School Building Committee was held on 12/19/2024**

**e. FY25 Rural Roads Award-**We are happy to kick off the new year with some exciting news! The FY25 Rural Roads apportionments are now available and have been added to your municipality's Chapter 90 accounts. The Town of North Attleborough received \$41,975.07.

**f. Union Negotiations** with the Unions have been scheduled and we will be meeting with the Union Stuarts, Union Representatives, and the Town's Labor Attorney in the weeks to come.

**g. Senior Tax Work Off Program - Senior Tax Work Off Program Meeting on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 10:00AM at the North Attleborough Senior Center, 204 Elm Street** - The North Attleborough Senior Center invites older adult residents from North Attleborough to attend a meeting about the 2025/2026 Senior Tax Work Off Program. This informational session is intended for individuals who did

**h. FY26 Budget Brief's with the Departments have been scheduled.** Meetings have been scheduled from January 17, 2025 through January 30, 2025

**i. FY26 Finance Sub-Committee Budget Schedule** has been posted and distributed to Departments and the Sub-Committee

**j. Snow Angels Program-** If you are interested and available to help an elderly or disabled neighbor in need with snow removal during the winter, learn how you can be a Snow Angel for the Community. For additional information please contact Janis

Johns at (508) 699-0131 to register for this program.

**4. Financial Matters:**

- a. **Nothing to Report at this Time.**

**5. Personnel Update:**

- a. Town Officials Recognized Jessie Macomber's 20 Years of Volunteer Service at Lenore's Pantry
- b. Confirmation of Appointment of Bryan Butler as Building Commissioner
- c. Confirmation of Appointment of Kimberly Ciaramicoli as a member of the Conservation Commission
- d. Confirmation of Appointment of David Sequeira as a member of the Charter Review Committee
- e. Conservation Administrator interviews were conducted last week.

**6. Employment Opportunities:**

- a. **(2) Grade 5 Plant Operator, DPW- Full-Time -Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
Open until filled
- b. **Assistant Chief Plant Operator- Full Time- Wastewater Treatment Facility- Open**  
until filled
- c. **Local Building Inspector-Full Time- Building Department- Closes 1/14/2025**
- d. **Water Quality Superintendent, DPW-Full-Time-Open until filled**
- e. **North Attleborough Housing Authority- Accounting Officer- Full Time- Open**  
until filled.
- f. **North Attleborough Housing Authority- Administrative Assistant- Full Time-**  
Open until filled.
- g. **Many School Opportunities. See link to view all available openings:**  
<https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>



## North Attleborough Fire Department

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### 35 Woodchip Sq Fire December 17, 2024

On December 17, 2024, North Attleboro Public Safety Dispatchers received a medical alert alarm activation from 35 Woodchip Sq. Engine 2 and Rescue 1 were dispatched, and while responding, the dispatchers received a 911 call from a neighbor reporting a building fire at this address. As Engine 2 turned down Woodchip Sq, they encountered heavy smoke, zero visibility, and heavy fire from the side of the trailer impinging on a propane tank. Engine 2, staffed with only two firefighters, exited the apparatus, quickly donned their firefighting PPE as they were dressed for a medical call, and pulled a 1 ¾ hose line to the side of the building where the exposed propane tank was in jeopardy. While putting water on the fire and propane tank, a police officer heard an occupant calling for help from inside the trailer. The Police Officer alerted the firefighters of the trapped occupant, who then split up with one firefighter operating the hose line and the other firefighter making access to the trailer, who found the occupant inside the breezeway sitting on a stool. The Firefighter operating alone was able to assist the limited mobile occupant to safety. The first arriving firefighters operated for approximately 6 minutes alone and were faced with many challenges which included a heavy fire load, a trapped occupant, and a delay in establishing a water supply as both firefighters were already tasked with fire control and rescue and the hydrant caps were stuck in the closed position due to the lack of maintenance. The hydrants in this trailer park are privately owned and maintained. We are working with the property management to ensure they test and maintain their fire hydrants.



**Propane Tank Exposed  
Fire Conditions on the arrival of Engine 2**

**Victim location. Enclosed breezeway**

Photos by Mark Stockwell, The Sun Chronicle





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### **49 John C. Porter Way January 12, 2025**



At 0028 hours on January 12, 2025, 911 calls were received by the Public Safety Dispatchers reporting a house fire at 49 John C. Porter Way. 1<sup>st</sup> arriving firefighters found a large 2-story colonial home with heavy fire showing from an attached garage. Inside the garage were two vehicles, one fully electric and the other an E-Hybrid with a gas tank that let go. Initially, there was no sign of the occupants on the front lawn and the firefighters began an aggressive attack with interior searches. Shortly after the search began, the occupants were located in a vehicle across the street. The 13 on-duty firefighters were able to complete the following tasks:

**Engine 5 with 3 personnel:** The Pump Operator established a water supply from the hydrant. The Lt and backstep firefighter, advanced a 2 ½ handline to attack the fire in the garage.

**Engine 2: with 2 Firefighters:** Assigned to Floor #2

**Ladder 1 with 3 personnel:** The Ladder operator/chauffer set up the aerial device to the roof and established a secondary water supply into Ladder 1. Lt and backstep firefighter advance a 1 ¾ hose line into the house to search and check for fire extension

**Rescue 1:** 2 Firefighters: Assist with establishing hydrant line and then assigned to pull ceilings on the interior to check for fire extension.

**Rescue 2:** 2 Firefighter: Split up with 1 firefighter working with Ladder 1 on the interior and the 2<sup>nd</sup> firefighter advancing a “Blitz Gun” (Large water master stream appliance) to the front of the garage.

**Car 3:** Shift Commander: The initial incident commander establishes strategy and tactics and tracks personnel.

**Upon the arrival of Fire Department Command Staff:**

**C-1 (Chief of Department) and Car 59( Superintendent of Fire Alarm):** Accountability using our electronic accountability software to track on-scene firefighters.

**C-2(Assistant Fire Chief):** Incident Commander

**Car 3(Shift Commander):** Operations

**Car 2(Deputy Fire Chief):** Safety Officer

Mutual Aid from Foxboro, Attleboro, Cumberland, Plainville, and Mansfield assisted with the filling of the Rapid Intervention Team, overhaul, and relief of initial firefighters to rotate through rehab.

Due to their aggressiveness and the staffing of 13, the firefighters were able to put a large amount of water on the fire, perform searches, and open ceilings and walls to prevent fire spread, reducing damage to the other side of the house, as depicted below.



Christopher M. Coleman  
Chief of Department



# PUBLIC MEETING

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR REDUCING RISK TO NATURAL HAZARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you wonder if North Attleborough can flood, experience a tornado, or have an earthquake? What can prevent those natural hazards and climate change from wreaking havoc in our community?

Join the meeting to learn about this important project and to share your ideas for making North Attleborough more resilient to natural hazards and climate change.

**01/29/2025**

**Time: 10:00am – 11:00am**

**via Zoom & In-Person**

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