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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025
TO: Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report

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

1. Emergency Management Updates:

a. SNOW

Total snowfall 4.5 inches and then 2.5 inches of rain - 2/15/25 through 2/16/25

b. North Attleboro Fire Department Temporarily Closed Emerald Square Mall Due to Water Leak on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at approximately 1:30PM

The North Attleboro Fire Department received notification of a fire alarm activation at the Emerald Square Mall, 999 S Washington St. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered that the fire alarm had been activated by water leaking through a detector.

During the investigation, firefighters identified several areas throughout the mall where water was leaking from the roof, affecting lighting fixtures and the men's and women's restrooms on the third floor.

Firefighters, with the assistance of an electrical inspector, isolated power in several locations. A health inspector also responded to the scene, and the building inspector was notified. It is believed that the water leaks were caused by inclement weather, including snow and ice accumulation on the roof.

Out of an abundance of caution, the fire department temporarily closed the mall to the public while management worked to address the leaks.

Fire Chief Christopher Coleman reported that the North Attleboro Fire Department had lifted its temporary closure of the Emerald Square Mall, allowing the mall to reopen to the public on Feb. 17. The fire department, local inspectors, and mall management conducted a walkthrough of the mall tomorrow to assess the extent of the damage and determined it was safe to reopen to the public.

2. Communications and Community Events:

a. Communications

- i. **School Building Committee Hosted Community Forum on High School Building Project** on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6:00PM – Very well attended.
- ii. **Presentation to Stop & Shop** was on 2/11/2025. The Town recognized Stop & Shop North Attleborough Store #490 for their ongoing support and generous contributions to Lenore's Pantry. For years, their bakery has provided fresh bread and baked goods to help residents in need, making a real difference in our community. Thank you to Human Services Coordinator Stephen Berdos for setting up this event and Councilor Dan Donovan for joining us to present a certificate of recognition.
- iii. **The Town hosted Congressman Jake Auchincloss, State Representative Adam Scanlon, and State Senator Paul Feeney to discuss some of our most pressing community issues** on 2/19/25. During the meeting, town officials and our state and federal partners discussed the environmental and economic challenges of the Ten Mile River, our critical fight against PFAS contamination, the rising burden of healthcare costs and more. I would like to thank our federal and state leaders for their continued advocacy and support. We appreciate their time and commitment to listening, engaging, and working together to find solutions. I'd also like to thank Home of the Greek Yogurt for hosting.

b. Upcoming Events

- i. **Virtual Update and Q&A with Congressman Jake Auchincloss on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 from 5:30PM-6:30PM.** This is an opportunity for you to raise questions and hear updates on what I'm doing to represent the district's values & priorities.
- ii. **Richards Memorial Library to Participate in 18th Annual Boston Bruins Pajama Drive- February 1, 2025 through March 15, 2025**
- iii. **NAPHG Meeting for Town Retirees will be held on March 18, 2025 at 451 Elm Street at 10:00AM**
- iv. **Cultural Council 2025 Agenda** – (See Flyer attached)

3. Operational and Economic Developments

a. CIP PROJECTS Update: (See attached)

- i. **Animal Control Vehicle Replacement** – Animal Control
- ii. **Headworks HVAC- DPW - Sewer**
- iii. **Stair Chair Replacement- NAFD EMS**

b. The Health Department is now Offering Free Vocational Counseling.

Human Service Coordinator Stephen Berdos has received several applicants for this program, which will begin conducting remote vocational counseling sessions on Saturday, March 1. This service is available to any North Attleborough resident who is unemployed or underemployed and seeking new job opportunities. Residents interested in receiving vocational counseling must schedule appointments in advance. Three appointments will be available every Saturday on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Each session will last approximately one hour. Times are subject to change.

Residents can register for an appointment [online](#).

For more information, please contact Human Service Coordinator Stephen Berdos at 508-699-0100 x 2515 or sberdos@nattleboro.com.

c. Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at the North Attleborough High School from 8:00AM- 8:00PM.

d. Regional Food Distribution Center Discussion- Met with Jim Downs and Caitlin Gibs of the Hockomock YMCA to discuss the Town and YMCA's partnership of the Regional Distribution Center at 451 Elm Street.

e. 2025 Recycling Center Stickers and Bulky Metal Pick-Up are now available
For more information, please visit Solid Waste Website:
<https://www.nattleboro.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=495>

Bulky Metal Pick-Up saves the town \$26,000.00 Annually.

f. Dog Licenses will be available beginning March 1, 2025, in the Town Clerk's Office. The fee is \$10 if spayed or neutered, and \$20.00 if Male/Female. After April 30, 2025 there will be a late fee of \$25.00 per dog.

g. Union Negotiations have begun. There have been ongoing discussions with each of the 7 union representatives.

h. Final FY26 Budget Presentation is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025

4. Financial Matters:

a. Nothing to report.

5. Personnel Update:

a. A New Local Building Inspector has accepted the position and is scheduled to begin on March 10, 2025.

6. Employment Opportunities:

- a. **Administrative Coordinator**-Full Time-Town Hall-Zoning/Conservation/Historical- Applications due by 3/3/25
- b. **Public Safety Dispatcher**- Full Time-NAPD- Applications due by 2/28/25
- c. **(2) Grade 5 Plant Operator, DPW**- Full-Time -Wastewater Treatment Facility Open until filled
- d. **Assistant Chief Plant Operator**- Full Time- Wastewater Treatment Facility- Open until filled
- e. **Water Quality Superintendent, DPW**-Full-Time-Open until filled
- f. **North Attleborough Housing Authority- Accounting Officer**- Full Time- Open until filled.
- g. **North Attleborough Housing Authority**- Administrative Assistant- Full Time- Open until filled.
- h. **Many School Opportunities. See link to view all available openings:**
<https://www.nattleboro.com/Jobs.aspx>



2025 Agenda

NACC GOALS

The North Attleborough Cultural Council (NACC) enriches the community by supporting the arts, humanities, and sciences through grants, education, events, and local initiatives. We create community engagement activities aligned with our four key goals.

1. Enrich the community with town pride
2. Grow the economy
3. Provide accessibility to arts and grants
4. Foster individual creativity

2025 ACTIVITIES

Monthly community culture highlights (social)

Now - Mar 1 Poet Laureate application

Mar 1 Winter walking guide (digital)

Mar - Oct On-going in-person & virtual grant awareness campaigns

Apr Announcing NA Poet Laureate

June 7 PNAB

June 14 PNAB Gallery

June 28 PNAB awards ceremony

July 3 - Aug 21 Summer Concert Series

Sept 1 - Oct 16 Grant cycle applications

IMPACT METRICS

111%

PNAB artist participation YoY

\$22K

Grant money awarded in 2024

53%

Of 2024 grants supported our goal of "providing accessibility to arts"





PAINT NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BEAUTIFUL GROWTH YOY

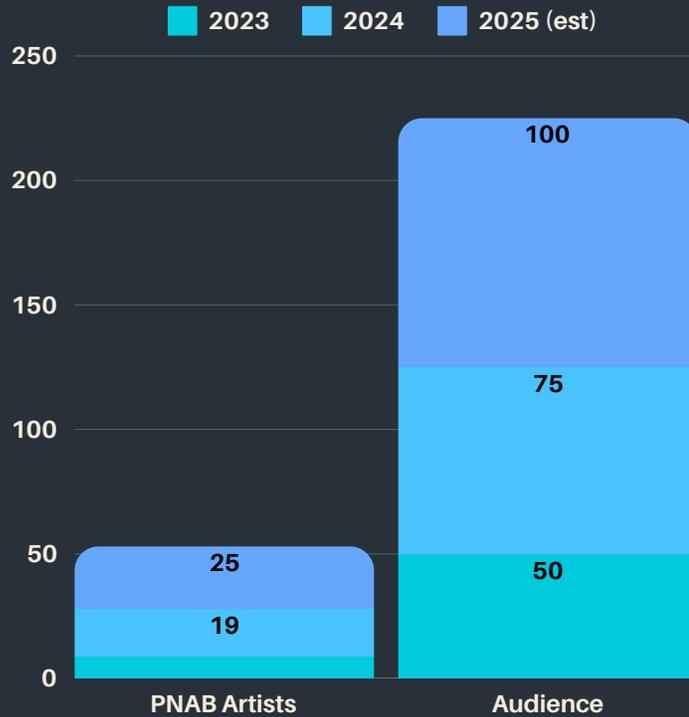
This annual event highlights North Attleborough through the visual arts while fostering art appreciation and town pride.

2025 Event Details

June 7 Event

June 14 Exhibit opens

June 28 Awards Ceremony



PROJECTS

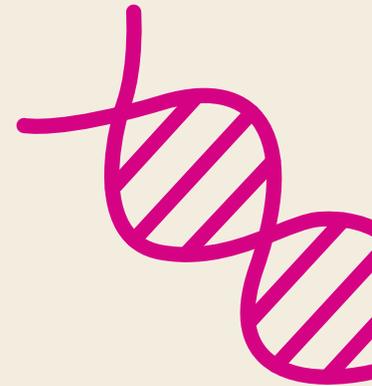
Paint North
Attleborough
Beautiful (PNAB)

2024 GROWTH

- **111%** YoY increase in artist participation
- **50%** YoY increase in audience attendance

2025 PREDICTIONS

- **~31%** YoY increase in artist participation
- **~33%** YoY increase in audience attendance



2024 METRICS

Summer Concert
Series

- **~150** average weekly attendance
- **~\$800** in NACC donations for the season (AKA passing the hat)

2025 PLAN

- 8 Nights - Thursdays July 3 - August 21, 2025
- Throughout the 8-week summer concert series, we will partner with a different local non-profit each week, leveraging audience attendance and community engagement to raise awareness, encourage support, and collect monetary and physical donations for their causes.



North Attleborough
Cultural Council

Grants



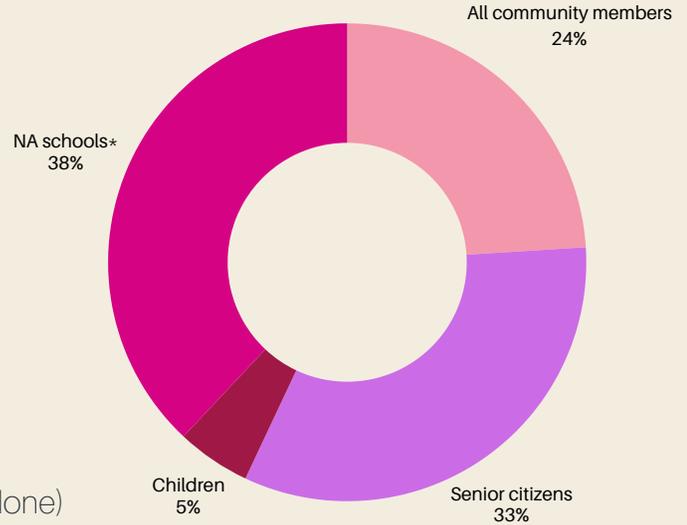
2024 METRICS

- ~\$20K (plus unencumbered money from the previous year's grant cycle) ~\$22K
- **21** recipients
- Goals supported by individual grants
 - Enrich the community with town pride **14%**
 - Foster individual creativity **33%**
 - Provide accessibility to arts and grants **53%**

COMMUNITY AWARENESS MARCH - OCTOBER 2025

- Update NACC webpage with additional grant information (done)
- Conduct at least **2** in-person grant awareness Q&A events
- Conduct at least **2** digital grant awareness Q&A events
- Promote at least **5** grant awareness social media posts

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORTED



*Could be grade specific

2025 Grant Goals

- Conduct proactive outreach to previously denied grants and position North Attleborough as a prime event destination to secure at least **3** out-of-town productions that had previously sought funding elsewhere
- Grow grants that benefit "all community members" by **10%**
- Ensure **100%** of NA schools take advantage of grants (currently at 85%)



Appendix

NACC webpage

www.nattleboro.com/434/Cultural-Council

Paint North Attleborough Beautiful

www.paintnabeautiful.com/

Poet Laureate

www.nattleboro.com/1004/Poet-Laureate-Program

Grants

www.nattleboro.com/443/Grant-Information

NACC members

- Ralph DiMarco, Chairperson
- Charnita McClain, Secretary
- Kali DiMarco
- Kevin McCarthy
- Deniese Sheppard
- Reverend Stephen A. Trimble
- Nadge Edmond
- Kristin Blye
- Hazel Peavey
- Lauren Mello
- Faith Wilder



N.A. CIP Project: Animal Control Vehicle Replacement

PROJECT UPDATE SUMMARY

- Lead department – Animal Control
- FY'25 Project
- Fund source: Various
 - \$55k ARPA NEU
 - \$4,329.30 Animal Control Vehicle Maintenance
- Truck ordered in late 2024
- Truck Delivered Jan 2025
- Lettering complete.



TIMELINE

Purchase and Delivery for this project is estimated at 12 months

2Q-25	3Q-24	3Q-5
Award	Delivery	Operational



FINANCIALS

Original Estimated Project Costs: \$ 60,000.00

Other / Unknown Costs: \$ 0.00

Total Funding Spent to Date: \$ 59,329.30



N.A. CIP Project: Headworks HVAC

PROJECT UPDATE SUMMARY

- Lead department: Public Works – Sewer
- FY'22 / FY'24 Project
- Fund source: Sewer Enterprise Bonding
- Approving measures: 2021-058 / \$920,000
2023-067/\$1,000,000
- Project phased over 2 years
 - Phase 1 completed (Replace most HVAC Components and Explosion Proof Lighting- \$920,000)
 - Phase 2 is under design and will include repairs to remaining infrastructure in the building associated with ventilation and equipment protection
- Phase 1 Project completed in November 2024



TIMELINE

Phase II Design and Construction estimated at 18 months

1Q-25	3Q-25	2-26
Design	Bid	Construction

FINANCIALS

Estimated Project Costs:	\$ 1,920,000.00
Other / Unknown Costs:	\$ 0.00
Total Funding Spent to Date:	\$1,073,394.69



First Phase Complete

N.A. CIP Project: Stair Chair Replacement

PROJECT UPDATE SUMMARY

- Lead department: NAFD - EMS
- FY'25 project
- Fund source: Ambulance Receipt Reserve Account
- Approving measure: 2024-101
- Equipment delivered.



Complete

TIMELINE

Project completion

1Q-25 2Q-25 3Q-25 4Q-25 1Q-26 2Q-26 3Q-26 4Q-26

Delivery date

FINANCIALS

Estimated Project Costs: \$ 10,000.00

Other / Unknown Costs: \$ 0.00

Total Funding Spent to Date: \$ 8,848.00

