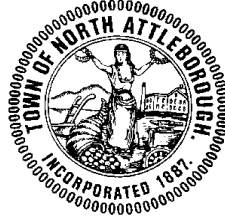


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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, March 22, 2021
TO: Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Report

Below are key activities, which I felt would be of interest to you.

COVID-19 Response

- The Town continues with an active response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I continue to work closely with all Department Heads. The Town continues to provide all essential services and functions to our residents and businesses. The situation in Town is constantly changing and we strive to provide effective communications on our actions, current information, and potential impacts. Here is a breakdown of our activities over the past two weeks:
- **Public Health Update - Updates**
 - Current number of positives in North Attleborough as reported by DPH: **2340**
 - Current number of active cases: **98 - Positivity Rate 4.21% = YELLOW**
 - Current number of deaths attributed to COVID-19 in North Attleborough: **32**
 - Current number of positives in Bristol County as reported by DPH: **57,489**
 - Current number of positives in Statewide as reported by DPH: **572,278**
 - Town business related services remain by appointment only until further notice.
 - We continue maximize remote work opportunities.
- **Emergency Management – Updates**
 - The Health Department, Council on Aging, and North Attleboro Fire Department conducted COVID-19 vaccination clinic and provided 180 doses as a part of our second dose initiative. This was a very successful clinic. Thanks to the School Department for their support for this event.
 - The Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled to meet for their inaugural meeting on April 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Details to follow. Thanks to Chief Coleman for his continued efforts to pull this group together.
- **Communications – Updates**
 - Nothing significant to report.
- **Operations – Updates**
 - The Master Plan Committee Meeting met and is underway and working with the Town Planner and SRPEDD. Updates to follow as they become available.
 - Town Elections scheduled for April 6, 2021. Ballots have been ordered for this election. Details about the conduct of the elections are before the Town Council this evening.

- We are working with Keep North Attleboro Beautiful (KNAB) to schedule this year's cleanup effort tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2021. Details to follow as they become available.
- **Budget – Updates**
 - The American Rescue Plan – Congressman Auchincloss and his staff conducted a briefing on the American Rescue Plan. Information and presentation are attached. At this point, North Attleborough may receive up to \$2.9 million in assistance from the plan. The constraints and restraints on spending this differ from CARES/FEMA funding. This number does not include dedicated school funding which has its own funding source. Funds are expected to be available within 60 days and will expire on December 31, 2024. Further, the Congressman's office has reached out all municipalities for input into Community Funding requests in support of projects within the district. Of the submissions received, 10 will be moved forward by the Congressman for submission to the House Appropriations Committee. Details to follow.
 - S & P Ratings Call. On 17 March we conducted a rating call with the S&P as we begin to market our bonds for the coming year. The call went extremely well.
 - RMV Run 2 delayed. The RMV notified all municipalities that because of an error in mailing addresses, RUN 2 that was scheduled for March 12th is now delayed. Updates and corrections are being made and RUN 2 will occur with RUN 3 and sent to municipalities in May Excise Tax Commitment. This has little impact as RUN 1 provide the majority of our motor vehicle excise tax commitment in Town.
 - Senior Work Off Program. The Council on Aging Director and Board of Assessors will meet soon to discuss the amounts and timing for the Senior Work Off Program. I will be working with Department Heads looking for opportunities that each department may have to offer Seniors for this program. Details to follow when available. Information will be posted to the Town's website as it becomes available.
- **Personnel – Updates**
 - The Chief Assessor's position is advertised. We are looking to fill that position mid to late April 2021.
 - We will convene an Assessment Center tomorrow, March 23, 2021, and screen 6 candidates for the Police Chief position and 5 candidates for the Police Captain position. Follow-up interviews are to be scheduled for 30 March and 6 April as needed in this process. Details to follow as they become available.
 - Congratulations to the following firefighters on their promotion to Captain with an effective date of March 28, 2021.
 - Acting Captain George McKinnon to permanent Captain
 - Acting Captain Michael Bristol to permanent Captain
 - Lieutenant Josh Langille to Permanent Captain
 - Acting Captain Joseph Flynn to permanent Captain
 - Lieutenant Ronald Burns to permanent Captain
 - Congratulations to the following firefighters on their promotion to Lieutenant with an effective date of March 28, 2021.
 - Acting Lieutenant Josh Chretein to permanent Lieutenant
 - Acting Lieutenant Jon Underhill to permanent Lieutenant
 - Acting Lieutenant Scott McGuire to permanent Lieutenant
- **“Thank You” for Years of Service to Board/Committee/Commission Members**
 - **Joseph Viola-** Council on Aging - **3 Years**
 - **David Reid-** Advisory Board to Veteran's Services- **6 Years**
 - **Dan Donovan-** Historical Commission -**6 Years**
 - **Susan Taylor-** Historical Commission & Cultural Council -**6 Years**

- **Andrea Slobogan-** Cultural Council – **7 Years**
- **Russell Baumann-** Zoning Board of Appeals- **26 Years**