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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, August 09, 2021
TO: Town Council
FROM: Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report

Below are key activities that I think are of interest.

- **COVID-19 Response**
 - North Attleboro has a 2.57% Positivity Rate; We have reported 29 new positive cases in the last two weeks, 11 of these cases were confirmed vaccinated. North Attleborough has had 2,804 total cases.
 - Test Positivity Rates over the past five weeks:
 - 8/5 2.57%
 - 7/29 2.26%
 - 7/22 1.04%
 - 7/15 0.23%
 - 7/8 0.20%
 - No information as to if the Delta Variant is the causative factor
 - North Attleboro echoes the C.D.C's guidance and encourages all citizens to get vaccinated.
 - Board of Health meeting tomorrow night, August 10, 2021- 6:00PM – The Board will discuss potential mask mandates for North Attleboro.
- **Emergency Management-Updates**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Communications – Updates**
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in North Attleboro. The Town received a \$100,000.00 grant from MA DEP to install charging stations in three locations, Town Hall, the High School, and the municipal parking garage.
 - Board, Committee, and Commission Chairs Orientation Meeting. Discussions included upcoming year, budget, and organizational initiatives.
- **Operations – Updates**

- North Attleborough Awarded the 2020 Public Water System Award for Outstanding Performance. Congratulations to DPW Director, Mark Hollowell, and William Wanberg, North Attleborough Water Superintendent, and their entire staffs for their tremendous dedication and commitment.
 - Each year, MA DEP honors the State's many dedicated drinking water professionals while acknowledging certain noteworthy accomplishments that involve excellence in water service to the public. For the second year in a row, the DEP Drinking Water Program awarded the Town of North Attleborough with the Public Water System Award for Outstanding Performance and Achievement in Medium and Large Community Systems.
 - This award demonstrates the high-level of commitment to the safety and health of the residents of North Attleborough by the entire water treatment and distribution employees in the Water Department.
 - The award represents full compliance with DEP regulations for 2020 and requires that the Town have no violations within the last five years.
- **Final Budget** – The Town s received the final budget numbers from the State. I will brief the Town Council on their final numbers at the first Town Council Meeting in September.
- **CARES and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**
 - We are beginning to close out the \$2.587 million in funding made available to the Town at the onset of COVID-19; we expect to deplete these funds by October 30, 2021.
 - We have received the first tranche of ARPA Funding in the amount of \$1.536 million. This represents 50% of our funding allocation. We can submit for the remaining 50% next July.
 - I would like to brief the Town Council at the first meeting in September on a **CARES/ARPA** funding strategy. As this funding is in addition to the appropriated budget, the Town Council must approve the spending plan for these funds.
- **Personnel – Updates**
 - Gil Hilario, the new Town Planner, starts tomorrow. We are excited to welcome him aboard.
 - **Paramedic Certification**- Firefighters Matt Schaffer, Ryan Branco, and Ethan Mercier, have passed Paramedic School and have obtained their Paramedic Certification. They will begin their Department Mentorship requirement working alongside a senior paramedic.