



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

April 24, 2018

Good evening -

At the Planning Board meeting of April 17, Interim Planner from the PVPC, Larry Smith was thanked for stepping into the role of planner with little notice during a time of much transition. He did a great job with the few hours he had available to cover East Longmeadow's planning needs. Constance "Connie" Brawders was also welcomed as our new permanent Director of Planning and Community Development. Please stop by and meet Connie if you have a chance. We are very happy to have her onboard. Connie has quickly identified some of East Longmeadow's planning needs, first and foremost a current Master Plan.

Planning of the July 4th is well underway. Representatives from the various departments that have responsibilities for any piece of the festivities are meeting tomorrow for an update on outstanding tasks.

- The Rotary Club will be handling the carnival and fireworks this year, along with their concert on fireworks night;
- The Parade Committee continues with planning of the famous parade; and
- The beer tent is still in the planning stages. I approached the Town's Veteran's Group about handling the beer tent as a fundraiser for their organizations however they felt it was too big of a project for them to take on this year.

The Police and Fire Chiefs, IT Director and I and Hampden counterparts continue to work toward finalization of the combined dispatch that we hope will be approved in both communities 2019 budgets. A draft inter-municipal agreement is being reviewed by Hampden's attorney and once all Hampden's concerns have been addressed, I will pass the agreement on to our attorney for review as well. We are close to completion on sorting out all the pieces of this joint venture.

Our Recreation Department is in the process of hiring for the summer. If you know of anyone interested in working for the Recreation Department, please have them submit their application to the Recreation Department. Applications are available on the Town's website. Also, I have not yet seen it but have been told that completion of the interior of the Pine Knoll office building that has turned out exceptionally well. It was a project in the current year's capital plan that will add more office, storage and functionality to that recreational facility. Thank you to our Public Works department for all they did to finish the interior of that building.

Human Resources Director Karin Decker is working on completion of the wage study that was handled by the Collins Center, funded through a Community Compact Grant. Once it has been completed I will share a synopsis of the study's findings with the Council.

SAVE THE DATES

April 28	10am-2pm	Car Seat checkup and install event at Center Square Parking Lot
June 21	4pm-7pm	Summer Reading kickoff at Center Square Parking Lot
June 29-July 4		Annual carnival, parade & fireworks
August 25	8am-5pm	Laura Cunningham Memorial Blood Drive at Heritage Park

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Menard