



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

May 22, 2018

Good evening -

Our new Planner Connie Brawders has been here a little over a month and has already implemented a number of changes in the way to do business with the Planning Department and the Planning Board. The Department is introducing new forms for applicants to create a more efficient permitting process. Also, similar to the Building Department, Connie is working toward more electronic filing and less paper.

The Health Department's car seat installation event was a success with 25 car seats installed and three seats replaced for free due to safety issues. Health Inspector Donna Bowman and 4 additional licensed volunteer installers were present to help process residents efficiently. Residents who were unable to make the event can call the Health Department at any time to schedule a safety check or installation. In addition to installing car seats, Health Department staff was present to do education, outreach and raffle off compost bins for residents. Also, you may have seen a new recycling initiative that has begun at Town Hall. I've attached flyers on both matters.

The roadwork and traffic signal improvements related to the medical building construction projects at Maple and Dwight will begin shortly and will likely last through the end of this year. We will be informing residents and suggesting that they find alternate routes that avoid the area as there will be major disruption to traffic at times. Additionally, Public Works will be continuing the water main project on Maple Street up to Savoy in late May/early June.

We have received the final recommendations from the Collins Center regarding the wage study. The Human Resources and Finance Directors are working on how to best implement the Center's recommendations as it relates to the Town Employees' Union. I expect we will be ready to report the recommendations and implementation to the Council in the near future. With the study now complete, I have begun performance reviews and salary adjustments for managers that report directly to me. That process also hinged on the wage study.

Fire Department news – the four most recently hired firefighters, Antonio Rosado, Joshua Rutola, Nick Laroche & Rebecca Jarvis are graduating from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Recruit Career Firefighter Training Program this Friday at 11 AM. The graduation will be held at the Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy - Springfield Campus, [100 Grochmal Avenue, Springfield, MA](http://www.mass.gov/dps/100-Grochmal-Avenue-Springfield-MA). This is open to the public. The firefighters learn basic firefighting skills, along with training in public education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and water rescue procedures. The intensive 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighting skills training and live fire practice. Upon successful completion, students have met national standards of the National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level.

Also, firefighters Michael Minahan & Matthew Turowsky have successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 320 hour Hazardous Materials Technician Program. The skills they acquired through this training prepares them to begin the mitigation of a hazardous materials incident within the community.

Finally, the Fire Department's new Pierce 107' Ascendant Aerial Truck is scheduled for delivery Tuesday, May 29 with plans to have the truck in service by July 1, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28	10:30 am	Memorial Day ceremony - stepping of at the High School
June 21	4pm-7pm	Summer Reading kickoff @ Center Square Parking Lot
June 29-July 4		Annual carnival, parade & fireworks
August 25	8am-5pm	Laura Cunningham Memorial Blood Drive @ Heritage Park

Respectfully submitted,

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