

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2016
BEDFORD MEETING ROOM
10 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD**

1. ROLL CALL: A meeting of the Bedford Town Council was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road. Present were Councilors Jim Aguiar, John Schneller, Bill Duschatko, and Chris Bandazian. Also present was Town Manager Rick Sawyer.

Councilor Gilbert was absent.

Chairwoman Murphy and Council Stevens had excused absences.

Vice Chairman Aguiar opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Aguiar.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Brian Miron, 73 Cortland Drive, stated that he was a volunteer helping to bring a non-profit youth circus to the local community, Circus Smirkus. He was informed that signs posted advertising the event did not conform to the Town's rules and was asked to remove the non-compliant signs. He was traveling out of Town and won't be back until Monday. He asked the Council to allow him to leave the signs until Monday when he would start removing them. He explained that he had asked a college student to place the signs and so he doesn't know all of the locations of the signs, so it would take a while.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Ordinance 2016-01 to amend Article 262-7, Stop Signs, for Stop Signs on Nashua Road at County Road and Liberty Hill at County Road.**

**MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to open the public hearing.
Seconded by Councilor Schneller. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.**

Mr. Sawyer explained that this was a recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee after input from residents, the Highway Safety Committee members, VHB, Town and School staff. This is an interim solution. The long-term solutions were not being brought forth, but included a roundabout.

Chief Bryfonski explained that the recommendations were made after a corridor study, which involved members of the Highway Safety Committee as well as School

Administrative District, Parks & Recreation, DPW, and the Police Department. He explained the process that took place leading up to this recommendation.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Schneller. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

Councilor Bandazian wanted to ask some questions of Jim Stanford, Public Works Director about the cost for the work. Mr. Stanford came forward. Mr. Sawyer explained that VHB initially recommended that the left turn lane that would take you into County Road be eliminated. In VHB's recommendation they stated that at a minimum that should be painted, but recommended that a raised median island be installed. The cost of \$31k would be to take out the asphalt that is there, put in curbing, have a break in the island for the crosswalk, the island would be loamed and seeded, and there would also be some relocation of some curbing on Nashua Road/County Road northbound intersection. Also, they would move the stop lines.

Councilor Aguiar wanted to know when the road was paved and Mr. Sawyer responded that it was just before the school opened, which was about 9 years ago.

Chief Bryfonski stated that the estimated cost for the 4-way stop was about \$6k plus the raised median and also an estimated cost of 4 LED oversized stop signs at approximately \$10k plus installation. Mr. Sawyer mentioned relocating the crosswalk at Liberty Hill Road and County Road and tip downs in the sidewalk.

Councilor Duschatko wanted to know where the money was coming from. Mr. Sawyer stated that they would have to use the local road maintenance accounts to do the work. Councilor Duschatko wanted to know if that would impact work not being done. Mr. Stanford stated that they still have additional overlays that they are going to try and get done throughout the year, so it would impact a little bit of that work. Mr. Sawyer stated that potentially a road somewhere might not get overlaid this year. Councilor Duschatko asked about the granite curbing and Mr. Stanford responded that they would go along with the recommendation of granite curbing.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council ordains Chapter 262 of the Bedford Town Ordinance, at Section 262-7, Stop Signs is amended to reflect stop signs on Nashua Road north bound and south bound at the intersection of County Road effective immediately. The Council recommends that DPW move forward with a raised median/island pedestrian refuge at the crosswalk as well as 4-LED stop signs and associated improvements as soon as possible. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed –4-0.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council further ordains Chapter 262 of the Bedford Town Ordinance, at Section 262-7, Stop Signs is amended to reflect stop signs on Liberty Hill Road north bound and south bound at County Road effective

immediately. The Council recommends that DPW move forward to relocate the crosswalk and stop bar(s) for the intersection, install 4-LED stop signs, and associated improvements as soon as possible. Seconded by Councilor Schneller. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

- b. Ordinance 2016-02 to amend Article 262-6, Speed Limits, for a reduction of posted speed limit from 30 to 25 MPH for the entire length of Pilgrim Drive.**

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed –4-0.

Mr. Sawyer explained that it is a recommendation from the Highway Safety Committee.

Chief Bryfonski explained that there were residents that came forward who were concerned of the speed of traffic on Pilgrim Drive. Based on the data acquired last year by the SNHPC, it indicated that speeding was an issue. In addition to that, VHB and the Police Dept. conducted a study and they used that data as well. There were a few residents that felt that the reduction in speed and/or other requested changes were not necessary, but the number of residents that were seeking some change exceeded the number that were not in favor of it.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed –4-0.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council ordain Chapter 262 of the Bedford Town Ordinance, at Section 262-6, Speed Limits is amended to reflect the reduction of the posted speed limit along the entire length of Pilgrim Drive from 30 MPH to 25 MPH effective at Noon, July 27, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

Chief Bryfonski took some time to reflect the feelings of the Bedford Police Department with the outpouring of support from the community. Each and every member of the Police Department appreciates the treats and the gesture for coming forward and expressing their support.

Councilor Bandazian recognized Chief Bryfonski's efforts and the efforts of his department in what resulted in the conviction of Charles Normil last week on 12 of the charges he was brought up on. They did an extraordinary amount of police work. They benefitted from his experience and the patience that it took to bring that case to a successful conclusion. He expressed his appreciation and the Council's appreciation to him and his department.

Chief Bryfonski stated that the Town was blessed with extraordinarily talented investigators and police officers. The team that was put together that included federal, state, county and local folks led by the Bedford Police Department Detectives Division

did an extraordinary job. It was a difficult case and they are very happy that the judge and jury did justice in this case. They still express their profound regret and sorrow for the Quesada family that will forever endure the aftermath of that night.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation by The Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries

Melinde Lutz Byrne, president and Julie Schappels, former president came forward to present. Ms. Byrne acknowledged the members who were present: John Wood, Ralph Dieter, Lori Radke. Ms. Byrne went through a Powerpoint presentation.



**Briefing
on Historic
Cemeteries
for Bedford
Town
Council**

20 July 2016



Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries



**Bedford's Historic Cemeteries
have intrinsic value**

- The Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries is a 501(c)3 charity whose mission is to preserve our historic gravestones and educate the public about their value.
- The Friends operate on an annual budget of \$5,000 to \$8,000 earned through a Strawberry Festival, memberships, sponsorships, book sales, and donations.



Bedford's Historic Cemeteries draw visitors from all over the country. Gravestones here include rare examples by skilled carvers.

Our Historic Cemeteries include gravestones of:

- French and Indian War soldiers
- Revolutionary War veterans
- War of 1812 veterans
- Civil War veterans
- Spanish-American War veterans
- Great War veterans
- World War II veterans
- Korean Police Action veterans
- Vietnam War veterans
- Famous Religious Leaders
- Former Enslaved People
- Explorers
- Scallywags



**We are
losing
the
battle.**





Some gravestones present a public hazard.



We economize in every possible way.

Kai Nalenz Gravestone Restoration



We use volunteers where possible.

Supplies:
Soft brushes
One bucket
Spray bottle
D/2
Gloves



Veteran cleaning a veteran's stone.



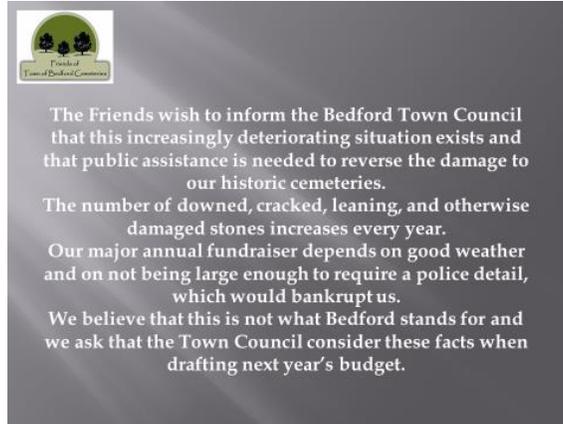
We are losing the battle

The Friends and the Trustees field about a dozen complaints per year about the deplorable condition of our historic graveyards.



“Get Current” Project

- ▣ Gravestones that are leaning 45 x \$100
 - ▣ Gravestones down or in pieces 21 x \$200
 - ▣ Gravestones in need of
 - Major restoration 2 x unknown
 - Total needed \$8700+
- Currently unencumbered FTBC funds <\$4500
Currently needed funding \$4200+



Ms. Byrne stated that their purpose of being there was to let the Council know that the deteriorating situation exists and that public assistance is needed to reverse the damage. They are asking the Town Council to consider these facts when they draft next year's budget and anything they can do this year would be very welcomed.

Ms. Schappels invited the Councilors on a tour of the Back River Road cemetery and she would buy lunch for anyone of the Councilors who after taking the tour can reasonably say that there is no asset there that has sufficient value that merits investment in the form of repair.

Councilor Schneller's proposal for the Friends of the Bedford Cemeteries was as the year progresses and they get a better sense of what the current budget is, if there is any dollars left that they consider using some of that and match some of the \$4,500 that they have available and then they can budget the remainder for the next year. There is \$800 in the Cemetery budget for the repair of four stones in the main cemetery.

Councilor Duschatko stated that it had been their policy not to donate to charitable foundations and wanted to know if the funds could be spent through the Cemetery Trustees and accomplish the same thing. Mr. Sawyer explained that the budget for the Cemetery Trustees was a Town budget and didn't believe there was excess revenue in that account. He wanted to know if there were access funds from other sources toward the end of the year if they could allocate it to the Cemetery Trusts for that specific purpose. Mr. Sawyer stated that if the Council moves to do that, he would recommend that they move the money to that account and then it would be administered by the Cemetery Trustees.

b. Letter of Support – Route 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Grant Application

Mr. Sawyer explained that at the Council retreat they identified a long-range goal to identify an alternative funding source for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Route 101 widening project. Back in June, the State DOT announced the Transportation Alternative Grant Program that allows for 80% match up of up to \$1million project. He believes the cost estimate is \$1.6million, so if the project moved forward they would hope to receive \$800k from the state and the Town would need to

raise \$800k either through the budget or other non-federal funding sources. The application requires a letter of support from the governing body including a commitment to bring the project forward for approval of funds at Town Meeting or through the budget process. Rebecca Hebert, Planning Director, and Jim Stanford, Public Works Director had met with a subcommittee of the Council to work towards this and identify what would be necessary to move forward with the application.

Rebecca Hebert, Planning Director, stated that the bridge would be located opposite Bell Hill Road and would span about 170 feet over Route 101 connecting to the Town common with a ramped sidewalk. The bridge would need to be accessible for ADA purposes and would tie into pathways at the existing Town common. On the south side of Route 101, the overpass would tie into approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk that would connect to sidewalk along Route 101 and then heading down to Nashua Road to where the sidewalk will terminate once the sidewalk project construction for the benefit of the school is complete. The bridge would also connect with future sidewalks along Route 101. The Town has envisioned an overpass at this location for many years. It has been mentioned in several planning documents including the Bedford Route 101 Corridor Study in 2002, the Bedford Master Plan in 2010 and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Conductivity Master Plan in 2014. All of those studies emphasize the importance of providing a safer pedestrian/bicycle connection across Route 101. She showed some examples of other overpasses and similar projects. The Transportation Alternative Program Grant recently announced that they were accepting new applications in June. She and Jim Stanford met with Councilor Bandazian and Councilor Murphy to review the Council goal and determine whether or not it made sense to submit an application at this time. They submitted a letter of interest, which is the first step in the application process. The grant opens for new applications every two years and if the Council decides not to pursue the grant at this time, the next opportunity to pursue this type of funding would be in 2018. The grant program specifically provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects. The DOT has indicated that the Town is welcome to apply for the full application and the full grant application is due September 2nd, so they have a short timeframe between when the letter of interest was submitted in July and when the final grant application is due. They are looking for direction from the Council on whether or not it is something they would want to support for 2017. The cost of the bridge and sidewalk improvements are estimated at \$1.6million. The grant request would be for \$800k, which is the maximum amount available in the grant program and the local match would be approximately \$800k. The cost estimate was prepared based on conceptual plans and may change once preliminary engineering is complete. It is one of the largest grants offered by the DOT for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and it's an opportunity to significantly offset the cost of the bridge. The final grant application requires a letter from the Council indicating that they are committed to the project and that funds for the local match would be brought forward as part of the 2017 budget.

Councilor Aguiar wanted to know if they chose to do this and get selected and then choose not to fund it, were there any ramifications. Ms. Hebert responded no. The grant funds would be returned to the program and that would be the end of it. Councilor

Aguiar wanted to know if there were any timing issues or permissions issues with them building a structure over Route 101. Mr. Stanford stated that the pedestrian bridge was discussed with DOT and their project plans and they won't do anything that would preclude them from putting a bridge in. Ms. Hebert stated that there may be an added cost savings to the Town to pursue the project now because of the construction that will occur along Route 101.

Councilor Schneller wanted to know if there were any environmental issues. Mr. Stanford stated that they hadn't done any engineering on it, so it is preliminary. They don't want to spend any design funds unless they have support and they wanted to make sure that they are eligible for the grant.

Councilor Aguiar wanted to know about the timing of the grant and the Town's budget. Ms. Hebert stated that successful grants are selected in December, so there would be time to get it on the ballot in March.

Councilor Bandazian wanted to know whether it was possible to add this on to one of the bonds that are going out. Mr. Sawyer thought they would want to come back to the Council and discuss ways of funding it. They do have a bond sale in 2017, so they could include the local portion of this in that bond sale. Also, it might work out well to just fund it in the budget. The Council is just committing to bringing it forward for discussion, so it would be a matter of discussing it during their public hearings for the budget and/or public hearings for the bond.

Councilor Duschatko mentioned that sidewalks weren't permitted to be part of the road bond. Mr. Sawyer stated that they wouldn't touch any of the \$30million road bond that has been allocated for paving projects. This would be the sale of an additional \$800k as part of the \$10million bond sale next year. They would have to go through the public hearing process for additional bond sale. Councilor Duschatko wanted to know if there would be a Town vote on the bond. Mr. Sawyer stated that it would be up to the Council on how they decide to fund it.

Councilor Aguiar asked about the start of the engineering and firming up the cost. Mr. Stanford stated that the sooner they can get to the engineering phase the better they would be. As far as the firming up the cost, they would have to do a little bit of consultant work to firm up the cost for the full application. They would probably start soliciting DOT to get their survey plans to see what they could use and see what they would need to supplement that. Public Works and Planning just went through their quality based selection of consultants, so they have a few consultants they could go to and get proposals for doing the engineering and figuring out a timeframe. It would be a municipally managed project and they would have to look at, if approved, when they would do the construction. Ms. Hebert added that the final design and engineering can be wrapped into the grant funds. Mr. Sawyer pointed out that they wouldn't have to do the full design drawings until after they knew they had an approved project by the voters. Councilor Aguiar was concerned that in January they've already done most of the budget process. Mr. Sawyer stated that it's a non-issue. They would wait until after

the March meeting if it's a Town-wide discussion to have before they start any engineering. He would hope there would be some way to consolidate this with the DOT project so that maybe they get bid together and there is significant savings with a contractor who is bidding on the Route 101 job. Councilor Aguiar wanted to know about additional funds from the DOT. Mr. Sawyer stated that they wouldn't be allowed to commit any additional federal funds to this. Any other funds for this project could not be federal funds from any source.

Councilor Schneller was hesitant because they only have four Councilors and wanted to know their ability to complete the application if they were to table it for discussion on the 24th of August. Ms. Hebert thought they would want to have some discussions with their engineering consultants before they submitted the final application and it would be a tight turnaround to do that in less than a week. Councilor Aguiar wanted to know the costs if they move forward in good faith hoping that the Council votes for it. Mr. Stanford stated that they would spend a few thousand dollars. Mr. Sawyer stated that the bigger time would be the staff commitment. The staff time to answer all the questions that are in the application and prepare reasonable responses to those. They need to start now if they are going answer those questions appropriately.

Susan Tufts-Moore, Bedford Center Road, stated that this had been a long time coming and thought it was a good opportunity to have a safe way for pedestrians and bikers to cross Route 101 and it dovetails nicely with the Route 101 work. She urged the Council to continue with this effort and vote tonight to move forward.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council support the grant application through a letter from the Chairwoman for the Transportation Alternative Program for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Route 101 and authorize the staff to proceed with the application process.

Councilor Bandazian stated that he may withdraw his motion and make a motion to table this until their next meeting. It would be regrettable if they couldn't come to a vote and wasted some staff time, but in the absence of a second to the motion, he thought they ought to defer.

Councilor Duschatko was uncomfortable about they were really getting themselves into. There would be an expenditure of consulting money and staff time, which they have no number on. He's never seen a consulting contract that has come back and recommendation against something. Councilor Bandazian explained that it won't be a consultation for a recommendation on it; it would be to put together a budget for the application process. Mr. Sawyer added that the consultant would have some expertise in this so they know that the number that is from the staff is a reasonable number and they are headed in the right direction. Councilor Duschatko wanted to know what that committed them to going forward. Councilor Aguiar liked the project, but needs further information. Mr. Sawyer stated that the application requires the Council to support it as a governing body and to commit to bringing it forward to the budget process. Ms.

Hebert explained that there is no penalty if for some reason it fails somewhere along the process. Councilor Duschatko stated that there is a cost to preparing it and wanted to know how much that would be. Mr. Sawyer stated about \$3k. All the additional costs for engineering would be part of the \$1.6million grant application. Ms. Hebert added that there would be staff time and about \$3k. Councilor Duschatko wanted clarification that there would be no engineering done until the grant and the budget...Ms. Hebert responded yes. Mr. Sawyer's understanding was only the preliminary consulting with some experts who have designed these bridges to see if they are even in the right ballpark. All the additional costs would be part of the process moving forward. They would not do any real survey or engineering work until they are granted the grant and approved by the voters or the Council in terms of a budget. In 2017 they would do the real work.

Councilor Aguiar stated that they have an option tonight to support them submitting this letter and the cost to the Town would be about \$3k. They have an opportunity to take advantage of the funding to offset and possibly create a project that has been talked about since he's lived in Town. He knows that there are quite a few people who would like to see this. He thought to walk away from the opportunity at this point would be foolish given the small amount that they have to invest in order to see what happens in the next step.

Seconded by Councilor Aguiar.

Councilor Schneller wanted to know if Mr. Stanford had the \$3k in his budget. Mr. Stanford stated that they would be taking it out of their general administration budget. Mr. Sawyer stated that there were some funds in Planning Board consulting fees that might be a source to help offset it. Councilor Schneller's hesitation was that they only have four Councilors there. Mr. Sawyer stated that there was no transfer by the Council required to move forward. Councilor Schneller wanted to know if they could move forward with some of the work that would needed to be completed with the application and then they could bring it back on August 24th with a vote. Councilor Aguiar argued that either way they are spending the money. If they are suggesting that in good faith they move forward in putting the letter together and wait for a vote on whether or not they submit it, they are still expending funds and staff time. Councilor Schneller was hesitant because they only have four Councilors and he would want to hear what the other three Councilors had to say, one of them being the chairwoman.

Vote taken – Motion Passed – 3-1 (Schneller-nay).

Councilor Bandazian mentioned the gentleman who orally asked for a waiver and wasn't sure that was allowed under their procedures. Mr. Sawyer responded not typically. They would normally have an application and letter of request brought forward to the Council to discuss. He didn't recommend that the Council take any action on the sign request until they receive a proper application.

c. Sale of property to State of NH for Route 101 widening

Mr. Sawyer explained that the State is asking for impacts to three properties that the Town owns. Those properties are 1) Bedford Village Common property. They would need to take down the fence and reinstall it at the end of the project; 2) Town Hall & BCTV, 10 Meetinghouse Road. The impacts are very minor along the Route 101 frontage where the Town sign is, which will have to be relocated further back. 3) Across the street from Town Hall & BCTV on Meetinghouse Road on the other side of Route 101. The State would purchase the entire parcel. The total amount offered for those three impacts is \$37,025. The fence company is not recommending taking down and reinstalling the village common fence. Their recommendation is to replace the fence and their cost estimate is \$34,660. If they were to take all of the funds offered and put them into a fund specific to completing the fence work, they would still be on the plus side.

Councilor Bandazian wanted to know if they needed a drainage easement on the Meetinghouse Road parcel or are they okay. Mr. Sawyer's understanding was that they were okay there, but they can look into it.

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian that the Bedford Town Council approve the easement and land acquisitions as proposed by NHDOT in conjunction with the widening for Route 101 on Lots 13-56, 13-67, and 20-7 and authorize the Town Manager to complete the transactions with all compensation funds in the amount of \$37,025 being placed in an account to be used to complete the necessary Bedford Village Common fence work. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko.

Councilor Schneller wanted clarification if they were voting to apportion the money for a future vote or were they voting on replacing the fence as well. Mr. Sawyer explained that they would place the money in a special revenue fund for that purpose based on the vote tonight to replace the fence.

Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

d. Other New Business – None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. PFOA Update

Mr. Sawyer explained that there is a public hearing that the State is holding on August 3rd at 6:00pm at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court in Litchfield. The public hearing is on the State setting the 70/ppt threshold for PFOA/PFOS and the combination of those two chemicals. If anyone has input on whether that 70/ppt is the right number or wrong number or encouraging the state to move forward with the

adoption of that permanent standard that would be the time to do it. Written comments can also be submitted by 4:00pm on Friday, August 19th to DES as well. The Greenfield Farms public water area remains stable at 12/ppt. The Merrimack Landfill contamination area remains with positive results. So far all but one property has come back at single digits. The property in Bedford that is closest to the landfill has had a result of 52/ppt and the State will be moving forward to retest that property. The 1.5 study area from the Saint-Gobain property where the Town has 64 homes with private wells are on bottled water. The DES's goal was to have all of those bottled water properties off of bottled water by this coming winter. It is clear that that will not happen in Bedford. They have had two meetings in the last two weeks with DES and Pennichuck and Saint-Gobain present where they are working towards an interim solution, which would be point of use filters installed at those 64 homes. The long-term solution would be by the end of the construction season in 2017 that all of those 64 homes would be on municipal water from one source or another and that's what they are currently working on.

Councilor Aguiar wanted to know if there was any more information on the discrepancies between the two labs that were being use. Mr. Sawyer had not heard any new information. They went through the process of identifying if either lab was doing something improper and neither is. They just use different processes.

Mr. Sawyer stated that they are continuing to wait for the results of the Bedford landfill test.

Councilor Bandazian stated that there is information that has come up recently about how people who have been affected can have blood tests done. They should consult with the State DES PFOA website. Mr. Sawyer stated that there was a public information on that last night in Litchfield and Bedford residents did attend. It is available to any of those Bedford residents currently on bottled water.

b. Council Retreat Items

Councilor Bandazian stated that regarding municipal stormwater, the group that Bedford is a part of has filed a complaint in the DC Federal Court of Appeals challenging the EPA rulemaking authority and the procedures that were gone through to prepare the draft regulation that they anticipate will become final in September.

c. Other Old Business

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Session – June 29, 2016

MOTION by Councilor Schneller that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the Public Session of June 29, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Bandazian. Vote taken – Motion Passed –4-0.

b. Non-Public Session – June 29, 2016

MOTION by Councilor Duschatko that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the Non-Public Session of June 29, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Schneller. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1) The Assessing Department is investigating the potential for having to complete our revaluation/update in 2017 rather than 2018 as planned due to our ratio continuing to decline as a result of properties selling for higher than assessed values. As you will recall our last revaluation was completed using data from the recession years as required, but that has put us very far behind current sale prices, especially in the residential market.
- 2) A memory wall celebrating the 20 year history of the Library building has been installed on the lower level. A very special thanks to the Library Trustees for planning and implementing this beautiful project.
- 3) The Police Department has noted an increase of daytime residential break-ins which was unfortunately highlighted on Friday with one on Meadow Road where a mother and young daughter were at home. An extensive search for the suspects was conducted with help from the State Police and Merrimack without success. The Chief has instituted additional patrols including routes taken by command staff.
- 4) Our Police Partners Program (P3) has been able to place six people with substance abuse support since its introduction in June.
- 5) The Market & Main project (redevelopment of Macy's) has been submitted to the Planning Board for final approval. All of the departments and VHB are reviewing the plans in anticipation of hearings by the Board in August.
- 6) The Library HVAC/Geothermal project is operational and all portions of the Library repaired and put back in service on or ahead of schedule. Thank-you to the public for their patience, to the staff for being so flexible and positive, and to Peter Barbuto for his excellent project management.
- 7) Website - The final design changes on the aesthetics and function of the new town website have been approved and we expect to be live soon but this project is now a few weeks behind schedule.
- 8) The South River Road TIF Area wearing course has been completed with the exception of the portion between Kilton Road and Meetinghouse Road due to the Market and Main (former Macy's) project. An "open house" with DES and the Rivers Council has been scheduled for July 29th at 10:00 AM on site to celebrate the daylighting of the brook and overall improvements.
- 9) Personnel – The Assistant Planning Director position has been filled by Mark Conners who comes to us after several years of experience in the region at Nashua Regional Planning Commission and also experience in Massachusetts. Mark will start in early August. Officer Storti has announced his retirement for the end of July which leaves two open patrol positions.
- 10) Middle Wallace Road line striping will be taking place tomorrow.

- 11) July 21st – Concerts in the Park continue at 6 PM at the Bedford Village Common. Concerts continue on Thursday nights through August 11th.
- 12) July 26th – Tuesday Family Cultural Series completes its season at 6:00 PM with Ben Rudnick & Friends.
- 13) August 2nd – National Night Out at 6 PM, Slevoski Field with a softball game between Bedford Fire and Police Departments.

Councilor Aguiar questioned the 7:00am start time for the Wallace Road street striping. Mr. Sawyer stated that he would look into it.

9. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Bandazian referred to the Route 101 bridge and commented on the reader board signs on Route 101 and 93 that say ‘One death is too many.’ He gave some history on the project back when Karen White was the Planning Director.

Councilor Aguiar reminded people to spend time with their neighbors, friends and loved ones and make lasting memories together, smile, compliment a stranger, and always treat others as you would like to be treated.

10. NON-PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3 (if necessary)

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Bandazian to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Duschatko. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Boufford