

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2023  
10 Meetinghouse Road**

**1. ROLL CALL:** A meeting of the Bedford Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 10 Meetinghouse Road. Participating were Bill Carter (Chair), Lori Radke (Vice Chair), and Councilors Phil Greazzo, Sue Thomas, Dave Gilbert, Michael Strand, and Kathleen Bemiss. Also present was Town Manager Rick Sawyer.

Chairman Carter opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chairman Carter.

**3. TAKING OATH OF OFFICE BY NEW COUNCILORS**

Town Clerk Sally Kellar swore in Bill Carter, Lori Radke, and Michael Strand.

**4. RECOGNITION OF FIRE DEPUTY CHIEF KEITH FOLSOM ON HIS RETIREMENT**

Chairman Carter read a proclamation:

***TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION***

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Keith Folsom is retiring after 49 years of service with the Bedford Fire Department; and,*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom began his career with the Town at 16 years old when he was hired as a Wildland Firefighter. On July 1, 1976, he was hired as a Call Firefighter being promoted to Call Lieutenant in 1989; and,*

*WHEREAS, In 2001, Deputy Chief Folsom became a full-time member Lieutenant and was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in 2019. He has also served as a NH Fire Academy Instructor; and,*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom received his EMT basic certification in 1977 and was the first nationally registered EMT to work for the Bedford Fire Department. He went on to receive his EMT intermediate certification in 1998 and his EMT advanced certification in 2015; and,*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom has been trusted to provide emergency service to the citizens of Bedford and be a leader of the men and women of the Bedford Fire Department; and,*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom has witnessed, influenced, and participated in progressive transitions within the Fire Department from its foundation to today; and,*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom has been a loyal contributing member of the Bedford Firefighter's Association and IAFF Local-3639, supporting the mission of the Bedford Fire Department; and*

*WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Folsom's legacy of service, dedication and sacrifice will be long admired as a powerful example to all firefighters; and*

*THEREFORE, Be it declared that we, the Bedford Town Council, do hereby express our wholehearted thanks to Deputy Chief Keith Folsom for a job well done and wish him well in his retirement.*

## 5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

**MOTION by Councilor Radke to nominate Bill Carter for Chairman.  
Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.**

Chairman Carter took nominations for Vice Chair.

**MOTION by Councilor Thomas to nominate Lori Radke for Vice Chair.  
Seconded by Councilor Strand. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0.**

## 6. BOARD & COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Carter read the appointments of Councilors to Boards & Commissions:

### **BCTV-WBNH**

Primary: Kathleen Bemiss

Alternate: Bill Carter

### **Conservation Commission**

Primary: Bill Carter

Alternate: Kathleen Bemiss

### **Energy Commission**

Primary: Sue Thomas

Alternate: Lori Radke

### **Highway Safety Committee**

Primary: Lori Radke

Alternate: Phil Greazzo

### **Historic District Commission**

Primary: Lori Radke

Alternate: Michael Strand

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

Primary: Dave Gilbert

Alternate: Sue Thomas

### **Planning Board**

Primary: Phil Greazzo

Alternate: Michael Strand

### **Poles & Wires Committee**

Lori Radke

### **School Board**

Primary: Bill Carter

Alternate: Lori Radke

### **Water & Sewer Advisory Committee**

Primary: Phil Geazzo

Alternate: Bill Carter

### **Zoning Board**

Citizen Primary: Dave Gilbert

Citizen Alternate: Sue Thomas

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**a. Acceptance of an unanticipated grant from the InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$120,526 in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-b**

Becky Hebert, Planning Director, stated that the grant would provide the Planning Board the resources to study Bedford's Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Control Regulations with a focus on housing to ensure that Bedford remains compliant with ever changing State laws, and continues to provide a range of housing opportunities for its residents. The Planning Board established the housing group in March of 2022. The subcommittee was tasked with reviewing housing related action items in the Master Plan. The Master Plan includes several action items related to housing. The Master Plan's goal was to provide opportunities for housing choice for Bedford residents. Shortly after the subcommittee was formed, the Governor announced a \$100 million InvestNH Program, which is funded through the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The InvestNH initiative dedicates \$5 Million to Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Programs, and the Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant falls within that area. The HOP grant was aimed at providing funds to help municipalities study their Zoning and Land Development Regulations with a goal of identifying opportunities for possible changes to improve how housing is regulated in the community. The grant program includes three phases: needs analysis and existing conditions analysis, a regulatory audit and regulatory development. The Planning Board submitted an application for three all three phases. The first phase includes an in-depth review of existing conditions in Bedford including: demographics, housing market study & needs analysis and fiscal analysis. All three phases includes extensive public outreach and engagement. The first phase would include a public engagement session to report back to the community key findings from the existing conditions analysis and to introduce the project to the public. The second phase includes an audit of Bedford's Land Development Control Regulations and Zoning Ordinance with a focus on housing. The Town would contract with a consultant to develop development of a list of potential recommended regulatory changes. Those regulatory changes would be vetted and prioritized through a community engagement process. There would be another community engagement session to talk about the regulatory audit together with the existing conditions analysis and to prioritize potential regulatory changes. From the second phase ideally a few of the regulatory amendments would rise to the top and the third phase is to contract with a consultant to draft the regulatory amendments for the Planning Board's review, and placement on the town ballot. All three phases would include extensive public engagement and outreach to residents and the business community with a goal of having community support for any recommended changes that might be placed on the Town ballot. The project also includes a build-out analysis, which is a mapping exercise to look at what Bedford might look like from a land use standpoint under the current regulations and what Bedford might look like if some of the recommended regulatory changes were implemented. The project would span a timeline of approximately 17 months with a completion date of July 2024. The Planning Board has been involved in the development of the scope of work and the grant application along with the Board's Housing Working Group. The Board discussed the application at their December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and voted

unanimously to support the application. The Planning Department is ready to issue an RFP. The project would be led by a consultant team to together with the Planning Department staff, Planning Board and Housing Working Group. The grant amount is for \$120,526 and, aside from staff and volunteer time, will cover all aspects of the project and there is no match from the community. They are asking for the Council to accept the Housing Opportunity Grant and to authorize Planning staff and Town Manager to enter into any necessary grant agreements associated with the project.

Councilor Bemiss wanted to know by accepting this grant were they under any obligations to change anything in particular. Ms. Hebert responded no. It's a process, so they were obligated to go through the planning process, but they don't know what's going to come out of the discussion with the community and the consultants. There will be deliverables associated with each phase, but ultimately it's up to the residents of Bedford to implement any regulatory changes through the Town election process as part of voting on the zoning amendments on the Town ballot. Councilor Bemiss wanted to know if through the process recommendations were made that they change certain ordinances, and then the community doesn't vote for those, if they were in any legal predicament, because that's a recommendation from the experts. Ms. Hebert responded no, but thought the zoning audit would identify any areas where their regulations may be weak in terms of compliance with State law.

Chairman Carter opened the public hearing.

Chairman Carter closed the public hearing.

**MOTION by Councilor Gilbert that the Bedford Town Council accept the Housing Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$120,526 and authorize the Town Manager to enter into any required grant agreements associated with the acceptance of the funds. Seconded by Councilor Radke. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Recognition of Retired Board and Commission members

Chairman Carter recognized the retired board members:

#### Receiving Certificates of Appreciation

Tom Elwood –3 years – Energy Commission

John Quintal – 2½ years – Planning Board

Gregory Handy – 1½ years – Conservation Commission

#### Receiving Plaques

Mac McMahan – 7 years – Planning Board – 1 year as Chair

Leonard Green – 7 years – Zoning Board of Adjustment

Steve Wiggin – 6 years – Cemetery Trustee

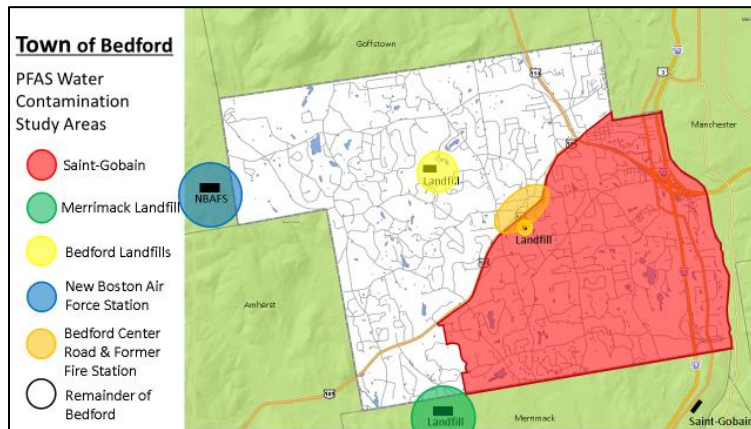
Mac McMahan came forward to receive his plaque and was thanked by the Council.

**b. Reaffirming/Amending of TC Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct, Town Media Policy, Social Media Use Policy**

**MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council reaffirm the Town Council Rules of Procedure, Code of Conduct, Town Media Policy, and Social Media Use Policy. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.**

**c. PFAS update and letter authorization**

Mr. Sawyer showed a map on the screen and explained the colored study areas.



Mr. Sawyer stated that PFOA is one of the four PFAS chemicals that NH regulates, which has a standard of 12/ppt (parts per trillion). As an example it's 12 grains of sand in an Olympic sized pool. Anyone in Bedford could sign up on the State PFAS website, which is under the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to ask for their well to be tested. They may or may not test it depending on if there had been other readings in their neighborhood or their neighbors having it, but he encouraged residents to at least try.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the EPA has proposed a national standards of 4/ppt, which is a non-detect level that is as low as the scientists can detect PFAS limits at a reliable rate. It's in a review period, but it looks like it will likely become Federal law. They are all waiting to see what the EPA will do with that standard once it's put in place and what NH will do once there is a new Federal limit that is lower than the State limit.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the State has required Saint Gobain to install POET treatment systems for the vast majority of people who have exceedance in the shaded area on the map. As of a week ago, there were about 125 of the 400+ that have been installed. They are installing about 10 a week and are supposed to be done by the fall. They are hoping to bring on a second team of installers. To be done by the fall they need to increase beyond 10 a week. The vast majority of the 125 that have been installed are not useable, because of a complication that came up as a result of the installations. They are getting higher PFAS readings after the installations. It appears to be as a result of one of the components in the system itself, one of the ball valves or shut-off valves in the system. It has a very high percentage of PFOS in the ball valve or in the gasket itself. They are working on a solution and likely just need to change their supplier. It reinforces the issue

that PFAS is in the environment and so many products that they use on an everyday basis. It's going to take a long time for it to be rectified in the community. They are not slowing down on their installations, but they know they are going to have to address that the valves are what's causing the problems. There are many homeowners in Bedford that have a system, but are still drinking bottled water until the matter can be resolved. He was aware of some whose systems are working and working quite well.

Mr. Sawyer stated that there were no updates on any of the landfills or the Space Force Station. Those were just going to be long-term monitoring.

Mr. Sawyer stated that the next update is the center of Bedford at the former fire station. The Town applied for a grant to bring a water line down Bedford Center Road from the back side of the Library all the way to Primary Plaza. They got \$1.5M to do that. The full project came in at just over \$1.5M, so they don't have full funding to complete the project, but they have awarded the just over \$1M contract to install the main. They are working on securing enough funding to connect the properties along that route. There are 17 properties that should be connected, but only 5 have exceedance over the PFAS limit. Those 5 will definitely be connected and they are trying to secure funds to connect the additional 12. One of those properties is the Town Office Building. It has not exceeded the PFAS limit, but it's still critical that they connect the Town Office Building as it's non-potable water in the building and always has been, but for other contaminants, not PFAS. They received an official letter from the State that Bedford is the responsible party for the PFOS contamination in this portion of Bedford. They are required to continue to monitor and study that and continue to report to the State. There is much more environmental work to be done over spring and summer.

Mr. Sawyer stated that Bedford applied for reimbursement grants, which would be for anybody in the non-shaded part of the map. If anyone has an exceedance, they can get reimbursed up to \$6,500 for the installation of a treatment system in your home or to connect to a water line. If you have a water line in front of your home and you're not already connected, which there are very few, you can connect and get reimbursement for \$6,500. It may or may not cover the complete cost to do that. Both with the State's reimbursement program and the Town's reimbursement program, you will have to pay taxes on that reimbursement. You will get a 1099G. He understands that that has complicated some people's tax returns as it might put them in a slightly different bracket.

Councilor Strand stated that they received an update. Federal delegates agreed to try and draft legislation to work on that tax issue so people aren't getting taxed on the rebates. Mr. Sawyer thought that was great news. He mentioned that Councilor Strand serves as one of the Bedford representatives on the State PFAS Commission. Chairman Carter and Councilor Greazzo are on the Town's PFAS Subcommittee along with Chris Bandazian.

Chairman Carter wanted to thank everyone for working on this. The subcommittee has met many times to try and continue to move this along. At their last PFAS meeting, they decided that as a Council, they needed to send a letter to Saint Gobain asking them to put water lines in. They felt the POET's were not satisfactory. They were not demanding; they were asking. There were two letters. One letter asked for 9 streets and the other was asking for 24 streets.

Councilor Greazzo thought if they were going to send a letter, the letter with more request was better. He wouldn't make it easy for them. He thought they should be held responsible for the things that they are responsible for and if they choose to reject the request then that shows all the more their callousness.

Councilor Strand thought that asking for more was the path to go. The language that Chris Bandazian helped with, some justifiers; it's not an arbitrary request. They are looking at reasonable perimeters in terms of proximity to existing water lines, streets that have high rates of contamination. Public opinion was also relevant here. He would stress to any Bedford residents listening was that this would not represent a mandate even if their street were to be hooked up to water. If they preferred a POET, they have the option of not hooking up. For Saint Gobain, he would stress that they have a willing partner with the Town from all of his interactions with the current Councilors, Chairman, and Subcommittee. He would view this as an opportunity for Saint Gobain to be a good neighbor as much as they can and mitigate some of the impacts of their business. He believed this was a cost effective, long-term and ethical solution that will impact real people and real families. He would urge them to work with the Town on it.

Mr. Sawyer clarified that the request that was before the Council was to ask Saint Gobain to install water lines and make complete consent decree with the priority of these streets, because of the criteria that Councilor Strand just mentioned.

Bob Musil, 29 LedgeWood Road, stated that he was here 2½ years ago and nothing had changed. They are still talking about it. Saint Gobain was still getting away with 'people are dying from this' and nothing seems to be done; especially on his street. He has city water at both ends of LedgeWood. The road isn't a mile long. He agrees that some people won't want city water and that's up to them, but not to hook up to city water and live with PFAS. Some houses don't have PFAS, but that's not going to stop them from getting it, because it's in the environment. They can't scrub what Saint Gobain's putting out. They're trying to, but it's too late; it's already in the ground. If people don't want to hook up to city water, then let them die. If they die or get cancer from PFAS, that's their problem. It's not the Council's problem; it's Saint Gobain's problem. The Council's problem was getting water lines in. He realizes that it costs money to put water lines in, but that's what Saint Gobain should be caught for, getting water lines in. Forget the POET. He's already had somebody come in and look at his house for the system. He asked how it was going and they said they've had problems with it. The ball valves were emitting PFAS. He thought the only way to solve this problem was city water. He realizes it's a pain in the neck to dig up the street, but when he first moved into Bedford when they were thinking about putting water up to the supermarket at the end, they offered to put city water up the street, but it was all up to the people who lived on the street. They just didn't want it. Now if you ask them he would say everybody would take city water. He thought that was the only way to go with Saint Gobain and the Town. Your living in an area, it's not going to get any better, it's not going to go away PFAS is here. The Federal government knows it, other countries know it, because they've banned it already. They've been sitting there for three years twiddling their thumbs and nothing has really happened. He hoped that it doesn't continue and hoped that things get voted on and force Saint Gobain to put city water in.

Chairman Carter stated that this is what they can do. They've done consulting with the lawyers and stuff like that and this is where they can go with this; sending this letter

asking them to put these water lines in. Mr. Musil stated nothing against the State, but wanted to know if the State helps them.

Councilor Strand stated that the State has in prior communications postured that they would be supportive if individual residents asked and coming from the Town it should help that. It can be a scary thing, but there are solutions. He knows Mr. Musil has been living with it for a long time and appreciated him speaking. He thought the environment was shifting on a variety of fronts and he thought there was cause to be hopeful. Solutions aren't without challenges, but he thought they were headed in the right direction. Mr. Musil stated that his wife would say give the Governor bottled water and let him live with bottled water for a year. Washing your hands and washing everything with bottled water.

Chairman Carter thought they should be going with the 24 streets. Councilor Thomas agreed with Phil and Michael to ask for all of it.

Councilor Strand stated that from a Town and Council standpoint, he thought it was really important, because it shows that they are standing up for taxpayer interests. That's a big portion of what this is about in addition to obvious concerns over public health and private property. He thought they've have the residents back on this one and putting the ball in Saint Gobain's court.

Chairman Carter stated that this was what the Subcommittee came up with and wants to do. He wanted to know if they wanted the letter to come from the Chairman or would they like it formatted that all Councilors sign it. Councilor Bemiss thought it would hold more power if all of them signed it. Councilor Strand agreed. He thought depending on how you format it, it's relevant to have the Chair and Vice Chair on top, but he thought it would carry more weight with everybody's name on it. Chairman Carter stated that they would go with that option.

Mr. Sawyer stated that they would get them a new letter to sign.

**MOTION by Councilor Gilbert that the Bedford Town Council authorize the Town Council Chairman and members to sign and issue the final letter to Saint-Gobain listing the 24 streets. Seconded by Councilor Strand. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.**

Mr. Sawyer stated that Dawn would reach out to come in and sign it when they are able.

Chairman Carter thanked Councilor Strand and Councilor Greazzo for all the work they've been doing on this Subcommittee to bring this forward, because there are times that they can do this and there are times that their hands are tied and they are trying to do the best they can for the residents.

#### **d. Appointment of Library Trustee and alternate Trustees**

Mr. Sawyer stated that the Library Trustees were recommending that the Council approve Lee Joyce as a Trustee to fill out the remainder of Walter Gallo's term. He has had to move out of Town and they wish him all the best. They are also recommending Catherine Rombeau and Kevin Brown as alternates to the Library Trustees.

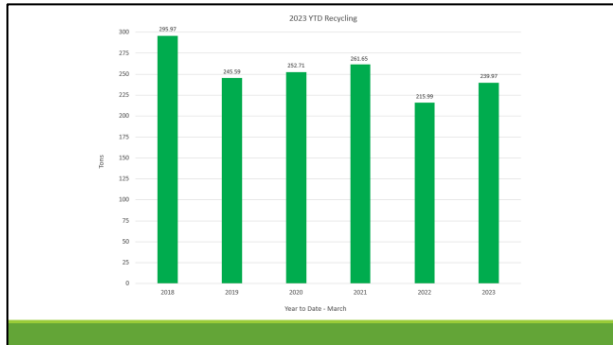
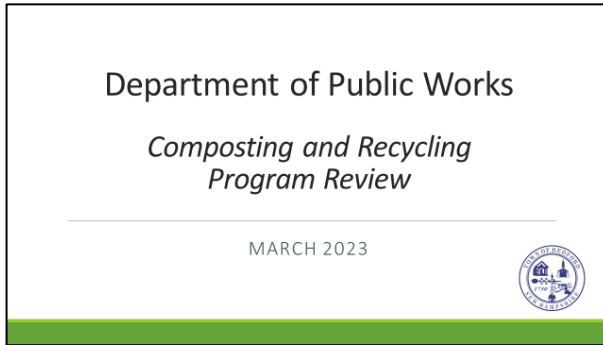


**MOTION by Councilor Gilbert that the Bedford Town Council appoint Lee Joyce as a Trustee to the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of Walter J. Gallo’s term, to expire in March, 2024 and that the Council appoint Catherine Rombeau and Kevin R. Brown as alternate trustees to the Library Board of Trustees with terms to expire in May, 2024. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.**

**e. Other New Business**

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Composting and recycling**



Councilor Bemiss stated that there was a big display at the Library outlining how composting and recycling works and the things you can recycle outside of the recycling, like glasses, batteries, and clothing. That also reduces their taxes. The composting program was going really well.

**b. CUB Day**

Chairman Carter stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual spring CUB Clean-Up day is on Saturday, 9-1pm. There are bins located at the Town Office Building, Library, Safety Complex, EFJH, and at the Transfer Station. Even if it’s just an hour, come out and pick up the trash. Fill the bag, tie the bag up and leave it roadside and the DPW would pick it up or drop it off at the Transfer Station.

## 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### a. Public Session – February 22, 2023

**MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Public Session. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0-1 (Strand abstained).**

### b. Budgetary Town Meeting – March 15, 2023

**MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Budgetary Town Meeting. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0-1 (Strand abstained).**

### c. Town Council Retreat – April 1, 2023

**MOTION by Councilor Radke that the Bedford Town Council approve the minutes of the April 1, 2023 Town Council Retreat. Seconded by Councilor Thomas. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 6-0-1 (Greazzo abstained).**

## 12. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- 1) At the most recent election we had 3,831 voters or a 23.5% turnout; down from the 2022 election where we had 5,133 voters or 32%. I want to thank our Town Clerk, Town Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist, Poll Workers, and DPW employees for all of their efforts in making the election successful. The Supervisors registered 55 new voters on Election Day bringing our total to 16,307. At the election the solar bond passed and DPW will be proceeding to get the RFP out to get the installation of that solar array on the closed landfill. All the zoning amendments passed except for the rooster one where the majority voted against it.
- 2) The Town voted to create a Charter Commission and the first meeting of the Commission has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7 PM at BCTV.
- 3) National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Thank you dispatchers
- 4) National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week – Thank you Haylie Gulino, ACO
- 5) April 13 – Thursday Theater, “A Man Called Otto”, 2 PM and 6 PM, Bedford Library. Please register through the Library website.
- 6) Clean Up Bedford Day – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-1 PM. Residents, businesses, students, and clubs are all encouraged to help Clean Up Bedford! Blue bags can be picked up at the Transfer Station, Town Office Building, Library, Safety Complex, and Educational Farm at Joppa Hill. You are welcome to leave the bags along the side of the road for later pick up or bring them to the Transfer Station.
- 7) April 16 – Cinema Sunday, “To Catch a Thief”, 1:30-4:30 PM, Bedford Library. Please register in advance on the Library website.
- 8) April 19 – First meeting of the Charter Commission – 7:00 PM – BCTV.
- 9) The 2023 Bedford Citizen’s Police Academy will run on Wednesday nights between April 19-June 21 and registration is open through the Police Department website.

- 10) April 22 – National Prescription Drug Takeback Day, Bedford Safety Complex, 10 AM – 2 PM.
- 11) A live burn training event for the Fire Department will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 72 New Boston Road, so please expect to see smoke and emergency vehicles in that area. Unlike the training burn last year, the public is NOT encouraged to attend as there is no safe parking or viewing area.
- 12) Dogs Licenses must be obtained from the Town Clerk by April 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Registrations can be done in person or online.
- 13) Registration for Camp Witzel summer camp and other summer camp programs are open and information is available through the Recreation page of the Town website.
- 14) The Town has employment opportunities for full-time, part-time & seasonal positions.
- 15) May 6 – Pulpit Rock Conservation Area Spring Work Day, meet at the New Boston Road parking lot, 9 AM. Rain date May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 16) May 28 – Memorial Day Parade, 1 PM, Bedford High School to McKelvie Intermediate School via County Road with a theme of “Thank a Veteran”.
- 17) June 15 – Household Hazardous Waste Day, 8:30 AM – 3 PM, Highway Garage, 19 Chubbuck Road.

### **13. COUNCILOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Councilor Greazzo stated that at the last Planning Board meeting the non-profit retirement community for Market & Main was back again for an advisory session. This time they are not a non-profit retirement community. They have created a for-profit entity to try and get the project through. Unfortunately, they were seeking 5 waivers. The main three: building too tall, don't have enough parking, and to eliminate workforce housing. He won't be at that Planning Board meeting so he'll need an alternate to sit in for him. He congratulated new Councilor Strand, Chairman Carter, and Councilor Radke.

Councilor Thomas stated that the Facilities Communications Committee met. They picked a chair and vice chair and have asked a ton of questions. They're bringing up issues that community members will bring up as it gets out there. They had a regular facilities meeting with the chiefs and Bill Jean from Fulcrum to try and nail down where the chiefs want the buildings on the site. They want it at the back, so now it's back in the architect's hands to fit it in. Nothing is done yet; it's still conceptual.

Councilor Gilbert asked that everyone that ran for office to go pick up their signs.

Councilor Radke welcomed and congratulated Councilor Strand. She stated that for HDC, they had 2 applicants. One was for a demolition of a shed and the addition to rebuild it and the other one was an after the fact of tree removal and both were approved. They had a Highway Safety Committee meeting. There were a lot of safety concerns. There was a request for a 3-way stop at Boxwood, request for a street light and guardrail at Gault and Liberty Hill Roads, request for a barrier fence at the end of Flintlock Road and traffic concerns at the corner of Ministerial and Bedford Center Road. It was an enlightening discussion. The Board didn't make any recommendations at this time. They are going to do more research. A lot of the concern was the speed of cars coming around the center of Town. They were trying to figure out some ways to try and mitigate that. If you're in that area, please slow down.

Councilor Bemiss thanked Rick and the Town for accepting responsibility for what this building did and putting in water, which is what they are expecting of Saint Gobain. They are setting an example. She thanked Mr. Tokac who brought forward the rooster ordinance, because even though it didn't pass, it brought out some great civic participation from their younger people. It was great to see both sides working together on something. It was nice to see the kids involved and thought they got a better view of how the process can and can't work. She reminded people not to flush your prescriptions down the toilet. It's like adding chemicals to your sewer and to the water and it's very hard to filter out. The Conservation Commission heard one applicant for the former Shorty's site for a retaining wall over six feet tall. That was ok'd and will have to go before Planning and Zoning. They formed an open space committee to review all of the open space in Town based on the previous open space plan. They met last night and prioritized some properties and it was really productive.

Councilor Strand stated that he looked forward to working with everybody. He thanked the Councilors for the good faith partnership and conversations on issues over the last year. He thanked Rick Sawyer for being responsive and answering his rookie questions as he gets up to speed.

Chairman Carter mentioned a thank you card from the girl scouts of Troop 59003. They came and did the pledge of allegiance at a Council meeting and grilled them on a bunch of tough questions. He mentioned CUB Day, Saturday, 9-1.

**14. NON-PUBLIC – RSA 91-A:3 II (if needed)**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Councilor Thomas to adjourn public session at 8:11 PM.  
Seconded by Councilor Radke. Vote taken – Motion Passed – 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Boufford