

MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: May 3, 2018
Re: **Manager's Report**



News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The Cinco de Miles 5K road race will take place on Sunday May 6th, at 9:15 AM starting at the High School and ending at Sportsman Field. Traffic on Nashua Road, County Road, Liberty Hill Road, Meetinghouse Road, Mayflower Drive, and Gault Road will be impacted and motorists are encourage to seek alternate routes during the race.
- 2) The last day to make party affiliation changes prior to the September Primary is June 5, 2018. If you are currently registered as one party or the other you will need to vote in that party's primary unless you make a change before June 5th.



- 3) Sand Volleyball Bid - We had only one company submit a bid for the construction of our two proposed competition sand volleyball courts. The bid came in at \$133k and together with the necessary additional items including water service, electric conduit, and court edging the complete project cost is \$142K which is nearly three times what we had anticipated. We have a total of \$122K Recreation impact fees at this time and are recommending that this project be put on hold so that the recreational needs of the community can be further explored through the Master Plan process.
- 4) The Horace Greeley Road Bridge Amherst just over the Bedford line at the end of North Amherst Road has been closed until November 30, 2018. All motorists are encourage to use Route 101 when traveling to/from Amherst.



Project Updates:

- 1) 2018 Roads Program – Work on Campbell Road is substantially complete with a final wearing course needing to be applied later in the year. Work on Pulpit Road and the Bedford Three Corners area has started. Additionally design work continues for Sebbins Pond and Sandy Pond Parkway areas. The Cider Mill Road Bridge project is also reaching final design in anticipation for bidding in May and construction later this year.
- 2) Facilities – We are moving forward with a plan for portions of the recently vacated ATF space at the Safety Complex to be occupied by the Fire Department (2 offices), the Police

Department (vault), and the administrative offices of DPW. By moving DPW from the Town Office Building it will free up space for the overcrowded Finance and Personnel Department.

- 3) Personnel: Officer Nathan Slack has graduated from the Police Academy and has now entered our field training program. Two candidates have rejected offers to fill our vacant Child Services Director at the Library so work continues to fill the position. Chris Perreault our Transfer Station Manager has accepted the position of DPW Forman (Parks) so we will now advertise for the open position at the Transfer Station. Our seasonal positions at the pool and camp have been filled. Offers are pending for our open Firefighter and Communications Specialist positions. Applications are being accepted for and the positions of DPW Business Manager, Police Officer, and Fire Captain.



Events:

- May 6th – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30 PM, Bedford Library, the “Folksoul Duo”.
- May 13th – Bedford Library Closed for Mother’s Day.
- May 18th – 79th Annual Bedford Firemen’s Ball, 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner.
- May 20th – Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, “Walk the Line”.
- May 21st – BeBOLD Bedford presents, Addiction can happen to anyone: A Bedford family’s personal story”, 7 PM, Bedford Library. (Intended for adults)
- May 22nd – PFOA Public Meeting, 6:30 PM, Peter Woodbury Elementary School.
- May 22nd - The 2018 Citizens Police Academy Graduation, 6:30 PM.
- May 27th – Police Department Bicycle Rodeo at the High School, 10:30 – 12:30 AM
- May 27th – Memorial Day Parade, 1 PM.
- May 27th – Bedford Library Closed for Memorial Day
- May 28th – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Memorial Day.
- June 16th – Bedford High School Graduation, 10 AM.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ~~May 7th – 7:00 PM, Planning Board~~
- **May 9th – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- ~~May 10th – 7:45 AM Water & Sewer Committee~~

- May 15th – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- May 21st – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- May 22nd – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- May 22nd – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **May 23rd – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 24th – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission

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