

# MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, AICP, Town Manager  
Date: September 20, 2017  
Re: **Manager's Report**

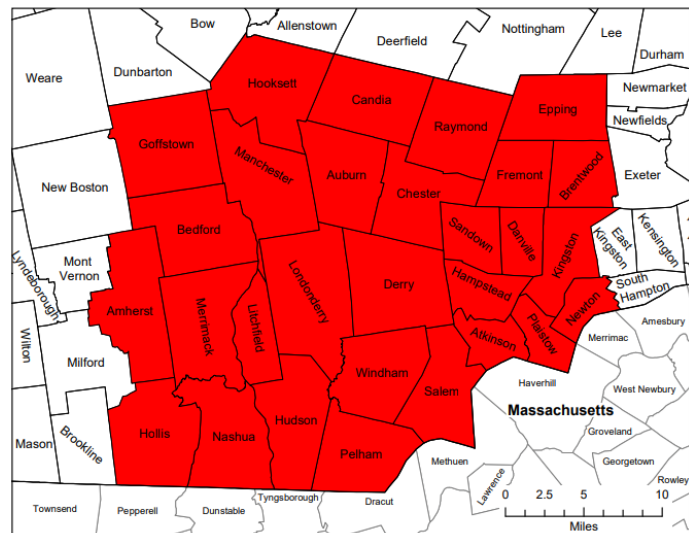


## News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The NH Swift Water Task Force lead by Captain Ben Selleck was deployed to North Carolina on September 11, 2018 in anticipation of hurricane Florence. They completed dozens of rescues from homes and a vehicle. Joining Captain Selleck are Lt. Folsom, and firefighter Johnathan Strong plus 11 other firefighters from Conway, North Conway, Keene, and Manchester.



- 2) Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services have issued a public health threat declaration in the southern part of the State for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The declaration is due in part to the 16 mosquito batches that have tested positive for WNV in New Hampshire since the beginning of July: nine in Manchester, three in Nashua, and one each in Salem, Keene, North Hampton and Rye. The risk level for human illness in Manchester is now at "High" given the number of mosquito batches that have tested positive there. Additionally there have been three hawks and one crow that have tested positive in the area of the threat declaration. There have been no detections of EEE in New Hampshire yet this year. Residents and visitors should protect themselves and their family members by using an effective mosquito repellent that contains 30% DEET, wearing long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.



- 3) NH DOT will hold a Public Hearing in at the Merrimack High School regarding the widening of the F.E. Everett Turnpike on October 3, 2018, at 7:00 PM, with doors opening at 6 PM for viewing of the plans.

- 4) The school parking program has gone very well again this year with 153 names being provided to us following the school lottery program. As of today we still have 10 permits available and we expect they will be gone in the next two weeks as younger students get their licenses. We have a total of 187 spaces. The lottery list did have approximately 30 more names this year versus last year, but 25 of the names were students that did not have driver's licenses. The school does not require a license to enter their lottery however we do in order to get a permit, which some families have found frustrating. I still believe it is fairer to issue a parking space to those with a license. It is possible that if more students obtain vehicles in coming years there may not be enough spaces available so it will be critical that all students apply through the lottery. I do want to thank the students and their families for being so cooperative during the permit process.
- 5) Blueprint Bedford Art Contest is open until October 19<sup>th</sup>. There are two ways to participate: 1. Take a PHOTO of your current favorite building, park or space in Bedford. 2. DRAW a picture of what you imagine Bedford could be like in 20 years. (One entry per person per category will be allowed) All entries will be displayed in the Planapalooza Studio Space and public voting will open on November 2, 2018 during Planapalooza. Winners will be announced on November 5, 2018 during the Planapalooza Closing Event. Visit [www.blueprintbedford.com](http://www.blueprintbedford.com) for more information.



### **Project Updates:**

- 1) 2018 CIP & Budget – The Department Heads have completed their proposed budgets and review meetings will be held with the Manager and Finance team. Work continues on revenue projections, fund balance standing, and tax impacts of requested elements and programs. The CIP has been provided to the Planning Board who made individual comments to the Manager during and after the meeting. The CIP will be presented to the Council on September 26<sup>th</sup>, but remains a flexible document throughout the budget process.
- 2) Blueprint Bedford is underway and had a community kickoff meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> with approximately 135 people in attendance. The team also met with staff and community leaders during the day. Planning is underway for the next major event “Planapalooza” which will be held on November 1-4 at a location to be determined.
- 3) 2018 Roads Program – The Pulpit Road and the Bedford Three Corners area is ready for final pavement which will occur soon. Crews have moved to the Sebbins Pond and Sandy Pond Parkway areas where gas mains have been installed and they are expected to be there for the next several weeks. Hopefully the team will have time in the season to complete work on Barrington Drive. The Cider Mill Road Bridge project is underway but did suffer a delay due to the heavy rain that we received from the remnants of hurricane Florence. A full update on the Roads Program will be provided at the September 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Please continue to watch the Roads Program website for timely updates at [www.bedfordroads.com](http://www.bedfordroads.com)

### **Events:**

- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Olde Towne Day, 11 AM – 3 PM.

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Educational Farm at Joppa Hill, Fall Fair, 1-5 PM.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – BeBold Speaker Series, “Vaping” Bedford Library, 7 PM.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> – The Bedford Fire and Police Departments will be participating in Primary Bank’s Second Annual Kids Safety Event, 10 AM – 2 PM.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day – Library will be closed to the public for staff training; all other facilities will open. The Transfer Station will be closed as is typical on Mondays.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, Safety Complex, 9 AM.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – The Bedford Fire Department Open House, 5-8 PM at the Safety Complex, 55 Constitution Drive.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” 2 PM and “RGB” at 6:30 PM.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Library Sunday Concert Series, Sean Gaskell – Traditional songs on the Kora, 2:30-4:00 PM.
- October 31, 2017 - Trick or Treating 6:00-8:00 PM.
- November 1-4, 2018 - Blueprint Bedford “Planapalooza”



#### Upcoming Meetings:

- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (workshop)
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **September 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- ~~October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission~~
- October 4<sup>th</sup> – BCTV Board of Overseers
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Parks & Recreation Commission
- **October 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- ~~October 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water and Sewer Committee~~
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, WBNH Board of Overseers
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Subcommittee
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