

# MEMORANDUM



To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: January 18, 2019  
Re: **Manager's Report**

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## News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The registration period for open elected positions is January 23<sup>rd</sup> through 5 PM February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Open Town Elected Positions:

- Two Town Council positions (3-year term)
- One Library Trustee (3-year term)
- One Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term)
- **One Town Clerk (1-year term)**

### Open School District Positions:

- One School Board positions (3-year term)
- One School District Moderator (3-year term)
- One School District Clerk (3-year term)
- One School District Treasurer (3-year term)

Any Bedford registered voter wishing to file for Office must do so by contacting the Town Clerk's office at 472-3550. The clerk will be available during office hours at the Town Office Building, 24 North Amherst Road and until 5 PM. on the last day of filing.

As per RSA 669:19 candidates who file on the last day of the filing period shall do so in person before the Town Clerk.

- 2) Town Clerk Position – Lori Radke our Town Clerk has announced that she will be leaving her post to become the Hollis Town Administrator on January 22, 2019. RSA 669:65 indicates that the Deputy Town Clerk (Gloria MacVane) will assume the role of Town Clerk until the next election. With Lori's departure being prior to the filling period for the March 2019 election the position will be on the ballot to complete the remainder of her term (1-year).

I can't thank Lori enough for her dedication to the citizens of Bedford and for her valued member on our leadership team in the town office. Lori has worked hard to modernize the office and our elections and has been an inspirational public servant for a decade leaving behind an impressive legacy and big shoes to fill. I will always be grateful for her support and I wish her the best of luck in her new career.

- 3) The State has announced their new PFAS Drinking Water Standards for four compounds that are stated to be protective of the most sensitive populations over a lifetime as the following (right):

PFAS	Proposed MCL & AGQS
PFOA	38 ppt
PFOS	70 ppt
PFOA & PFOS (combined)	70 ppt
PFHxS	85 ppt
PFNA	23 ppt

The State has announced that they intend to hold at least three hearings on these new standards with one being in the Bedford, Litchfield, and Merrimack region (tentatively March 7<sup>th</sup> in Litchfield or Merrimack). The 38 ppt for PFOA will likely have an additional impact on those needing a long term water solution in the southeast portion of Bedford and potentially around our landfill. Data on the presence of PFHxS and PFNA compounds in our resident's wells is not well known at this point.

On January 14<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting where the State Toxicologist explained how the standards were determined. In looking at just PFOA which is the compound that is most impacting Bedford it became clear that each step in the process can have a significant impact on the standard. As an example (right) if NH used the same mammary gland formation uncertainty factor (MF) as NJ the 38 ppt standard would become 3.8 ppt. While the NH Toxicologist believes there are real scientific reason for the standards set there likely is to be significant opposition from those believing the standard should be lower as rulemaking process continues.

Comparison of PFOA Numbers				
	NHDES	EPA	ATSDR	NJ DWQI
Health Effect Endpoint	Altered Liver Size/Function	Developmental bone effects and delayed growth	Developmental bone effects and behav. changes	Altered Liver Size/Function
Animal Serum Dose (ng/mL) <sup>A</sup>	4,351	38,000 (estimated)	8,290 (estimated)	4,351
Total Uncertainty Factor HUF x AUF x MF	100 10 x 3 x 3	300 10 x 3 x 10 <sup>B</sup>	300 10 x 3 x 10 <sup>B</sup>	300 10 x 3 x 10
Target Serum Dose (ng/mL)	43.5	126.7	27.6	14.5
Human Half-life (years)	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.3
Dosimetric Adjustment <sup>C</sup> Factor (L/kg/d)	1.20E <sup>-04</sup>	1.40E <sup>-04</sup>	1.09E <sup>-04</sup> See comment	1.40E <sup>-04</sup>
Reference Dose or MRL (ng/kg/d)	5.2	20.0	3.0	2.0
Relative Source Contribution <sup>D</sup>	40%	20%	100% See comment	20%
Water Ingestion Rate <sup>E</sup>	0.055 L/kg d	0.054 L/kg d	0.143-0.039 L/kg d	0.029 L/kg d
<b>MCL/AGQS ppt (ng/L)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21-78</b>	<b>14</b>

- 4) The Transfer Station stickers issued in 2018 will remain valid for 2019. They are required to access the facility and they can be picked up at the Transfer Station with a driver's license and car registration.
- 5) The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold extra hours on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for any new registrations or changes.
- 6) Family Snowman Challenge – build a snowman in your own yard and submit a picture by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to challenge your friends and neighbors!
- 7) The Planning Board will hold it's second and final public hearing on 7 proposed zoning amendments on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at BCTV. The amendments can be viewed on the Town Website at:



<https://www.bedfordnh.org/DocumentCenter/View/3517/2019-Zoning-Amendments-Legal-Ad>

**Project Updates:**

- 1) The document management RFP vendor presentations have been completed resulting in two vendors being requested to make quotes for implementation.
- 2) Personnel – Police Officer Maggiano will be leaving the department for a similar position with the City of Manchester. Interviews for our vacant truck driver position have taken place and an offer to a candidate will be made pending reference checks.

**Events:**

- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Adult & Senior Movie Matinee 2 PM “The Lightkeepers” at the Library.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – The Town Office Building, Library, and Transfer Station will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – “Breaking Down the Numbers – Risk Behavior Survey”, presented by the Bedford Police Department in partnership with BeBold, 7-8 PM, Bedford Library.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30-4:00 PM, Bedford Library, “Matt Heaton – Children’s Sing-along”. RSVP through the Library.
- **February 5<sup>th</sup> – School System Deliberative Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bedford High School.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- January 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- ~~January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee~~
- ~~January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission~~
- **January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council** (2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Public Hearing)
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board (2<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Amendment Public Hearing)
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- **February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, SAU 25 Deliberative Session**
- February 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- **February 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Committee
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- February 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
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