

# MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council  
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager  
Date: May 2, 2019  
Re: **Manager's Report**



## News & Noteworthy:

- 1) The Cinco de Miles 5K road race will take place on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:10 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) During National Drug Take Back Day on April 27<sup>th</sup> the public turned in 235 pounds of unneeded prescription drugs keeping them from falling into the wrong hands or the environment.



- 3) On April 22<sup>nd</sup> Senator Shaheen visited Bedford in recognition of Earth Day and to celebrate the improvements our Conservation Commission and Planning Department have been able to make at the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area through the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant that they obtained. BCTV documented the visit in a nice short segment which can be viewed at:



[Earth Day Celebration at Pulpit Rock with Senator Jeanne Shaheen April 22, 2019](#)

- 4) Registration for Camp Witzel summer camp and other summer camp programs are now open and information is available through the Recreation page of the Town Website <http://www.bedfordreconline.com/info/activities/default.aspx>

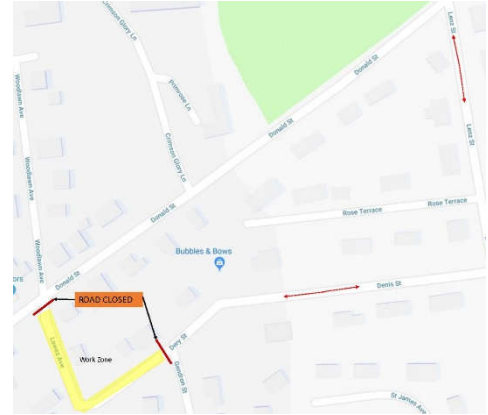
- 5) The Planning Board has approved the construction of a 5-story, 120 Room, Hilton Home2Suites Hotel at 270 South River Road which is the site currently occupied by Master An's.



- 6) Trader Joes and Friendly Toast have both successfully opened as the first businesses at the Market & Main development.

## Project Updates:

- 1) 2019 Roads Program – The installation of significant drainage structures as part of the Donald Street project has forced the closure of Lawes Ave and Dery Street during the day until May 8<sup>th</sup>. A neighborhood meeting was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Donald Street project which was very well attended and the residents collectively expressed a wish for sewer and sidewalks to be included in the project. Apparently high groundwater in the area has caused shortened septic system lifetimes. Gage Road and Pheasant Run have been paved and the crews are now working on Olde English Road and West Wind Road and daytime detours are in place.



- 2) PFAS Update – 93 of the proposed 97 public water connections have been completed with the remaining 4 choosing not to be connected. Work to decommission the wells and restore the roads and properties that had water lines installed over the winter has been initiated and reconstruction of Green Meadow Lane will start on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Once the base pavement is completed on Green Meadow the final pavement will be placed on Tirrell, Back River and Smith Roads with all of this work completed by Memorial Day. Final pavement of Green Meadow will be completed in the fall. The Assessing Department has returned all of the properties in this impacted area to full value for the 2019 tax year and the owners have been notified. Work continues in the South River Road area to connect the remaining properties and a more detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.
- 3) Transfer Station – The project to move the entrance and scale is working through the permit process and was presented to the Conservation Commission for their required recommendation to NHDES for the wetland impact permit. DPW is looking to award the construction contract soon.
- 4) The Document Management team has met with the vendor and an implementation and training schedule is being developed with DPW likely being the first department to have the software installed. As soon as the schedule is finalized it will be provided to the Council.
- 5) Personnel: Pam Hogan has started as our new HR Director and Ellen Malatesta has started as Town Accountant and both have been great additions to the Town Office team. Lee Boissonneault has moved up from AP Clerk to the position of Fund Accountant. Officer Whitney Mansfield has graduated from the Police Academy and has now entered our field training program. Robert Lavoie has



advanced to the position of Sergeant after 15 years with the department. Detective Matthew Fleming has announced his intention to retire on or about June 1<sup>st</sup> to pursue other opportunities in law enforcement. Timothy Hayden has been hired as a new Patrolman and the Police Department is actively looking to fill their many open positions. Fire Inspector Eric Dubowik has accepted the position of shift Lieutenant creating an opening in his current position which is now advertised. Margaret Graveline has been hired as our new part-time assistant in the Fire and Building Department administrative office. Two new firefighters Dylan Hooker and Keith Culligan will be starting soon. A majority of our seasonal positions at the pool and camp have been filled but we are still looking for a few more.



#### **Events:**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Concert Series, 2:30 PM, Bedford Library, the “Jon McAuliffe – Blues/Folk & Roll/Boogie”.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater Movie Matinee 2 PM “At Eternity’s Gate” at the Library.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Theater Movie Night 6:30 PM “Can You Ever Forgive Me?” at the Library.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Bedford Firemen’s Ball, 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Butterfly Release Picnic, 11 AM, Bedford Library. Bring your own picnic and blanket and enjoy bubbles and face painting while the caterpillars that have grown into butterflies in the Children’s Room are released.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Library Closed for Mother’s Day.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Adult & Senior Sunday Matinee Series, 2 PM, Bedford Library, “It’s Complicated”.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – BeBOLD Bedford presents, “College Prep: Will Your Teen Be Ready?” 7 PM, Bedford Library. (Intended for adults & teens)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - The 2019 Citizens Police Academy Graduation, 6:30 PM.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Police Department Bicycle Rodeo at the High School, 10:00 – Noon
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Parade, 1 PM.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Library Closed for Memorial Day
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Memorial Day.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Bedford High School Graduation, 10 AM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- **May 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Committee
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, BCTV-WBNH Board of Overseers
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Planning Board
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission

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