

MEMORANDUM

To: Bedford Town Council
From: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager
Date: April 21, 2022
Re: **Manager's Report**



News & Noteworthy:

- 1) Clean Up Bedford Day – On April 16th, collected 2,040 pounds of trash from our roadways. Thank-you to Town Council Chairman Bill Carter for spearheading the program and to DPW for picking up the blue bags and to all that participated. We look forward to everyone joining in the effort next year.



- 2) PFAS Contamination – **NHDES will hold a virtual public information meeting on May 4th at 6:30 PM** to describe their recent agreement with Saint-Gobain that provides for point of entry treatment systems and a few public water connections for properties south of Country Road and East of Liberty Hill Road. Registration for the session can be made at: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/?p=1452>. The meeting will also be simulcast on BCTV Channel 16 but you can only interact and ask questions by registering for the virtual session. No information has been provided for the remaining properties in the Saint-Gobain consent decree area.
- 3) NHDES and Saint Gobain are continuing to test a large number of private wells in southeastern Bedford. If you have received a request for well testing from Golder Associates it is critical that you sign the agreement and return the paperwork as soon as possible.

Outside of the Saint-Gobain area of responsibility (generally north of Route 101) residents can request that their well water be tested by submitting an application through the NHDES website at: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/?page_id=307

The Department of Public Works has submitted a \$1.5M grant request with NHDES in hopes of being able to extend a public water main down Bedford Center Road to Primary Plaza to address PFAS contamination in that area.

The Town has also submitted a grant that would allow for the reimbursement of property owners up to \$6,500 who are outside of the Saint-Gobain consent decree area that have PFAS readings above State standards who install treatment systems or connect to public water.

- 4) A live burn training event for the Fire Department will take place on April 23rd at 99 McAllister Road so please expect to see smoke and emergency vehicles in that area. The portion of the road near the training will be closed to through traffic. Training will be in the morning with the primary burn taking place around 1 PM (subject to change).
- 5) The 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Bedford Fire Department is being celebrated this year and they are announcing a save the date for a traditional muster to take place on June 25th at Legacy Park as part of the celebration.

- 6) Starting on April 25th during school vacation week the traffic patterns at the High School are scheduled to change. Advance notification signage is up and all work necessary for the change is scheduled to be completed for the students return to school on May 2nd. There may be limited access to the school and delays during the work.
- 7) Dogs Licenses must be obtained from the Town Clerk by April 30th each year.
- 8) The Cinco de Miles 5K road race will take place on Sunday, May 1st at 9:15 AM starting at the High School and ending at the Little League Complex. Traffic on Nashua Road, County Road, Liberty Hill Road, Meetinghouse Road, Mayflower Drive, Edinburgh Drive, and Gault Road will be impacted and motorists are encourage to seek alternate routes during the race.
- 9) The Bedford PTG Color Blast Fun Run will take place on Sunday, May 22nd at 9:30 AM at the High School.
- 10) 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 <https://bedfordnh.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities>



Project Updates:

- 1) Security System Upgrades – The project remains ongoing and is nearing completion. The Library is fully operational. The only hold up in completing the project is computer switching components that are backordered. Staff training will be completed as the buildings are ready to swap over to the new systems.
- 2) Fire Department Vehicles – The long awaited new ladder truck remains on schedule for delivery in June. The Squad is scheduled to arrive in October. Unfortunately our ambulance delivery has been pushed back until spring of 2023. We continue to have numerous maintenance problems with the ladder truck and Engine 4.
- 3) Audit - The financial audit for 2021 continued last week with the four days of in office review April 11-14 and staff will follow up with any requested materials over the next few weeks in anticipation of a completed audit in mid-May.
- 4) Personnel – We have been able to hire two truck drivers leaving 2 openings and 1 other is on extended light duty in the Highway Department. I am happy to announce that Firefighter Corey Fecteau has been promoted to Lieutenant. The Police and Fire Departments are fully staffed except for the positions approved at town meeting and two firefighters who are out on extended leave. The BCTV Broadcast Production Coordinator position has been filled with the person starting June 1st. The Deputy Town Clerk position is vacant which can only be filled by Bedford residents. Those interested should contact the Town Clerk for more information. Applications are being accepted for Payroll Accounting Clerk, Truck Drivers, Police Officer, firefighter, and part time Library Clerk, Transfer Station Attendant, Summer Camp Counselor, and Library Page positions.
- 5) Collective Bargaining Agreements – Initial meetings are scheduled with the Fire and DPW unions for next week.

Events:

- April 30 – National Prescription Drug Takeback Day, Bedford Safety Complex, 10 AM – 2 PM.
- May 1 – The Cinco de Miles 5K road race at the High School, 9:15 AM.
- May 4 – PFAS Virtual Public Meeting, 6:30 PM.
- May 8 – Bedford Library Closed for Mother’s Day.
- May 15 – Cinema Sunday, “Rear Window”, 1:30-4:30 PM, Bedford Library. Please register in advance on the Library website.
- May 22 - The Bedford PTG Color Blast Fun Run at the High School, 9:30 AM.
- May 29 – Police Department Bicycle Rodeo at the High School, 10:00 – Noon
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parade, 1 PM, Bedford High School to McKelvie Intermediate School via County Road with a theme of “Freedom through Unity”.
- May 29 – Bedford Library Closed for Memorial Day.
- May 30 – Bedford Town Offices, Library, Transfer Station, & BCTV Closed for Memorial Day.
- June 4 – Bedford High School Graduation, 10 AM.
- June 25 – Household Hazardous Waste Day, 8:30 AM – 3 PM, Highway Garage, 19 Chubbuck Road.
- June 25 - The 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Bedford Fire Department is being celebrated with a traditional muster.



Upcoming Meetings:

- ~~April 22 – 11:30 AM, Telecommunications Committee~~
- April 26 – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- **April 27 – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- April 28 – 7:00 PM, Energy Commission
- May 3 – 7:00 PM, Historic District Commission
- May 5 – 7:00 PM, BCTV-WBNH Board of Overseers
- ~~May 9 – 7:00 PM, Planning Board~~
- **May 11 – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
- May 12 – 7:45 AM, Water & Sewer Committee
- May 12 – 9:00 AM, Poles & Wires Committee
- May 17 – 7:00 PM, Zoning Board
- May 23 – 7:00 PM, Planning Board Workshop
- May 24 – 7:15 AM, Highway Safety Committee
- May 24 – 7:00 PM, Conservation Commission
- **May 25 – 7:00 PM, Town Council**
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