

Town Manager's Update

January 12, 2017

Announcements

- Merrimack Safeguard will be hosting “Community Connections, Putting the Pieces Together” on Thursday January 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center. This community forum is designed to educate the community on how various organizations in the Merrimack area, help promote a healthy environment for your family.

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- Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) has approved the Town’s recent application to amend the Economic Revitalization Zones along DW Highway, which will now incorporate the parcel that Spraying Systems Company is relocating to from Hudson. Spraying Systems is a mix of R&D and manufacturing of spray nozzles for a wide variety of markets, primarily industrial markets. They are a privately held company with an international manufacturing presence. Their NH facility was initially established in Hudson in 1988 in about a 6,000 square foot facility. In 1993 they moved into a 35,000 square foot facility (also in Hudson). Their move to Merrimack will be taking over 130,000 square feet of the GT Advanced Technologies building (Spraying Systems now owns the property; GTAT will maintain a small presence in the building for approximately 18 months). Spraying Systems has 60+/- employees currently, and will be adding more staff in the future. The designation of the site as an ERZ allows the company to apply for tax credits from the State Business Profits and Business Enterprise Taxes. The designation as an ERZ has no impact on local tax collection.
- Merrimack Police is excited to start their 22nd Citizen’s Police Academy. 21 Merrimack residents have signed up to learn more about your police department. Participants will experience how the department functions, and meet the officers who are dedicating to keeping our community safe.
- Merrimack was awarded a 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program grant to extend sidewalks on DW Highway from the library to Twin Bridge Road and install sidewalks on Woodbury Street. The competitive program received 47 requests for \$34 Million. The program only has \$4.5 Million available statewide and Merrimack is one of 12 communities picked for the award.
- Town officials will be meeting with NHDOT Turnpikes to discuss DOT’s 2017 work in Merrimack; Turnpikes plans to present these projects to the Town Council at a later date. The projects include:
 - Paving of Continental Boulevard from Industrial Drive to NH 101A
 - Paving of Industrial Drive from US 3 to Continental Blvd
 - New signals at the Tinker Road intersection of Continental Blvd including adding left turn lanes
 - Construction of maintenance ramps at the Exit 12 interchange for the Bedford Open Road Toll (ORT) conversion
 - New signals at the Exit 12 intersections due to above work