

## **Town Manager's Update**

### **August 18, 2016**

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#### **Announcements**

- The Town of Amherst will be closing a portion of Baboosic Lake Road on August 24 and 25 from 7:00 to 3:00 each day to perform tree removal. Please visit the Town website or Merrimack Public Works Facebook page for details including a map of the closure location.
- The Town of Amherst will be closing Baboosic Lake Road in Amherst near the Merrimack town line (South Baboosic Lake Road) tomorrow, August 19, for a culvert replacement project. The closure will run from 8:30 AM to approximately noontime.
- This Saturday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, the Parks & Recreation Dept. will be holding a Community Blood Drive at the John O'Leary Adult Community Center from 9:00 – 2:00 pm. Donors are greatly need.
- Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> will be final Summer Concert at Abbie Griffin Park. The concert will feature “The Transistors” who will perform from 6 – 8 pm.
- Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> will be our final free movie night in the Park. We will be showing “Minions” at Wasserman Park and the event will begin at 7:00 pm.

#### **Town Manager's Report**

- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday to officially reopen the Bean Road bridge. The bridge is open to traffic again after being closed for just over a year while the former bridge was being replaced.
- The new digital message board has been installed at the Transfer Station. The board will be used to promote recycling and to display information for Merrimack residents.
- At their meeting on 8/16, the Planning Board unanimously recommended that the Council adopt Zoning Ordinance amendments for 2 sections of the Ordinance. CD Staff will request placement on an upcoming Council agenda to start the reading and hearing process.
  - The first set of amendments would revise Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) language in the ordinance to address new state law and recommendations from the most recent Town Master Plan.
  - The second set of amendments would revise the Signs section of the Ordinance to ensure constitutionality is maintained following the recent Reed v. Gilbert US Supreme Court Case.
- The Town has purchased a portable changeable message sign for \$15,575. This sign is similar to the one we already own in Highway. We are anticipating delivery on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.