

Town Manager's Update

May 26, 2016

Announcements

- The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, May 31st from 7-7:30 PM to accept voter registration and party change applications for those wishing to change their party affiliation. This will be the LAST session for party changes until after the State Primary being held on September 13th.
- Filing period for the September State Primary will run from June 1 – June 10th. The Town Clerk's office will accept filings for State Representative and Delegates to the Republican Convention. Delegates for the Democratic convention are handled by the Democratic State Committee.
- Property tax bills have been mailed and are due by July 1, 2016. Property owners who have not received their tax bill should contact the Tax Collector's office at 424-3651 to arrange for a duplicate bill. Bills not paid by July 1st are subject to 12% interest, per annum.
- The Library will be holding its June Book Sale on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, with a Friends of the Library, member-only presale on Friday June 3. See the library's website at www.merrimacklibrary.org for more information.

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- The contractor made significant progress at the Bean Road bridge over the winter and they are very confident that Bean Road will be open in August 2016 so the school buses will be able to resume their former schedules once school begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. McGaw Bridge road will not be open until sometime in October/November so the buses will still need to access that neighborhood from DW Highway until then.
- The Merrimack Transfer Station staff received an award for "Best Brochure" at the NRRA's (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) 35th annual Recycling Conference & Exposition. The brochure was developed by Town staff and updated by Patrick Davis, Scale Operator, to serve as a guide for residents who use the Transfer Station. The brochure can be found on the Public Works Solid Waste Division website, at Town Hall and at the Transfer Station.
- Last night the ZBA granted a special exception for Verizon Wireless to move forward to the Planning Board for a new 100' tall cell tower on land owned by MVD off Turkey Hill Road (water tower site). The project will now move forward to site plan review by the Planning Board at an upcoming meeting (not yet scheduled).

- On June 7 the Planning Board will consider a subdivision and site plan for Woodspring Hotels to use a portion of the land of the former Merrimack Hotel on Executive Park Drive for a 123 room extended stay hotel. The land to be utilized is currently part of the parking area of the former hotel. The property owners continue to examine options for the further redevelopment of the site.
- The Planning Board is in the very early stages (brainstorming and concept development) of developing new language to encourage redevelopment of “underutilized sites” such as the former Shaw’s and former Merrimack Hotel parcels, and others the Board feels may be appropriate.
- The Merrimack Fire Department, the EPA, Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams throughout NH and Jones Chemical will be participating in a simulated joint chemical release training exercise. This exercise is scheduled for table top planning on June 25 and a practical exercise on June 26. The objective of this exercise is to have the Regional Hazardous Materials Teams working together to determine the potential concentration of the chemical release into the air and be able to transmit that data to the Incident Commander in Merrimack. This data will be used to establish a chemical response plan for evacuations, protection in place and the chemical release mitigation.
- A 69 year old patient brought in by Merrimack Fire Rescue who had a new onset of chest pain about 30 minutes before calling the Fire Department. Merrimack Fire Paramedics activated the STEMI (SegmentT Elevation Myocardial Infarction) Team at the hospital from the field. The patient was brought emergently to Cardiac Cath Lab where percutaneous coronary intervention was performed. He was discharged home two days later. Mark A. Hastings, RN Director, Emergency Management EMS & Trauma Coordinator extends a “nicely done to the crew at Merrimack Fire from Southern NH Medical Center”