

# **Town Manager's Update**

## **October 8, 2020**

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### **Announcements**

- The Transfer Station will be partnering with Eversource again this year to provide a free Freon day for Merrimack Residents. On Saturday, October 17, Merrimack residents can bring their unwanted residential air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, and refrigerators to the Transfer Station and Eversource will pick up the disposal cost.
- Absentee ballots: The Town Clerk's office strongly encourages persons wishing to vote by absentee ballot in November to submit their request for a ballot as soon as possible. An absentee ballot request form can be found on the town's website. Ballots are now available. All absentee ballot requests received to date have been fulfilled. Due to the number of inquiries being received, we wish to inform voters that the General election is the same as the Presidential election. There will be only one ballot in November with all Republican and Democratic candidates. Party affiliation is not a factor in this election. Persons who are not registered to vote and wish to register and vote absentee should complete the absentee ballot request form. It serves as both a request for a ballot and voter registration.
- Voter registration: The Town Clerk's office is open and is accepting voter registration applications in person during our normal hours for those who wish to do so in person. In addition, the Supervisors of the Checklist will hold voter registration hours at the Town Hall on the following dates/time:
  - Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
  - Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

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

- We're delighted to welcome our patrons back to the Library for "Pop In and Pick up" services. The Library building is open for browsing, computer usage, technical assistance and notary services. All visitors should wear masks or face coverings, hand sanitize upon entering and observe social distance. Our programs will remain virtual and meeting rooms are still closed to the public. Fines for overdue items remain suspended. Please visit our website at [www.merrimacklibrary.org](http://www.merrimacklibrary.org) for details.
- Baboosic Lake Road sewer reconstruction update: The project is complete - pending final test results and as-built survey drawings prior to formal acceptance of the reconstructed sewer.
- Old Blood Road update: The road reconstruction project is complete. Utility work remains to be completed by Consolidated Communications so that the existing utility poles can be removed.
- The work on removal of the toll plazas at the Exit 11 ramps started today. The project will remove the toll plaza canopies, structural supports, toll booths, and concrete islands, and repair the concrete roadway slabs including placing a paved surface. Some work will require that ramps to be closed which can only occur on Saturdays per the contract and only one ramp at a time. NHDOT and their contractor will provide advanced notice of the ramp closures so that we can share the information through our website and various social media accounts.