**Town Administrator Report**

**November 4, 2019**

**AMBULANCE SERVICES**

* Proposed Ambulance Committee with Town officials and citizen volunteers:
  + Cliff Bombard; Fire & Police Chiefs; Mary Ellen Glover; T.A. plus two citizens.
  + Nancy Zebert, Suzanne Shuttleworth & Loribeth Sterling Elliot, Matt Sterling, Heather Turcotte and Megan Rogers have volunteered.
* October 24 – Meeting with Mary McNally, Michael Kane from East Longmeadow, Dr. Beltran, Chief Farnsworth, Chief Poulin, T.A. Sel. Mary Ellen Glover and Cliff Bombard to discuss ambulance services and possible merger of dispatch operations.

**DISPATCH**

* October 28 -- Discussion with Officer Kane regarding combined dispatch. He said that he will ask the East Longmeadow Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to re-enter negotiations with Hampden towards merging dispatch operations in Hampden.

**ADA GRANT**

* October 8 -- A Planning Grant requesting $10,000 was submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Disabilities.
* Volunteers for an ADA Commission:
  + Becky Moriarty, ADA Coordinator
  + Matthew Sterling, 418 Chapin Rd., 413-214-1735 – Commission
  + Rita Vail, 413-566-3530; 413-209-4469 © ritavailskz@charter.net

**TREES**

* Dana Pixley has provided a report on how and when the additional $100,000 will be spent

**STORM RESPONSE MEETING**

* October 24: Meeting with Fire and Police Chiefs, Highway Superintendent, T.A. and Sel. Glover at the Hampden P.D. to discuss response to the recent storm. The group identified better communication with the Fire Department during emergencies as the main problem. FD needs to know what streets are affected by downed trees. The fuel problem with the PVTA generator will go away with the new radio system.

**NEW ITEMS**

* Town Counsel will handle the Ethics Commission matter with the new Assessor
* October 30 -- Meeting with the Conservation Commission to discuss staffing.
* ENTRE has begun replacing old computers: Health Coordinator, Fire, Senior Center, Park & Rec., Highway are installed.
* Request from the Historical Commission: Heating Academy Hall
* Winter Policy Review

**UPCOMING**

November 20 – Department heads and staff meetings – 10:00 a.m. in Melville

November 12 & 18 – Board of Selectmen Meetings

November 18 – Tax Classification Hearing