

Town Administrator Report

November 25, 2019

AMBULANCE SERVICES

- Proposed Ambulance Committee with Town officials and citizen volunteers:
 - Cliff Bombard; Fire & Police Chiefs; T.A. plus two citizens.
 - Nancy Zebert, Suzanne Shuttleworth & Lori Beth Sterling Elliot, Heather Turcotte and Megan Rogers have volunteered.
- A meeting of an Ambulance Advisory Committee will be convened on November 26 at 2:00 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- New Conservation Commission Assistant, Thomas Page, has been hired; T.A. has arranged for training by Melissa Graves, the Conservation Agent in Wilbraham.
- Firefighter training and overtime issue.
- Trees: Report from the Tree Warden
- The Attorney General has dismissed the Mascaro Open Meeting Law complaint

NEW BUSINESS

- Sel. Flynn has asked if three phones are needed in the copier room. One line can be cancelled.
- Town was notified by Republic Services that the Town's contract for recyclables and trash hauling is expiring in December and that they are losing money and will require an increase under a new contract.
- Call from Steve Ellis in the DEP office in Springfield: The Town may discontinue the Transfer Station and trash/recyclables hauling.
- Municipal Vulnerability grant
- Board and Committee appointments: Reviewing all board and committee members to prepare re-appointments for those on expired terms.
- Contracts: Recommending that the Selectmen vote a policy to have all contracts deposited with the Town Administrator and the Accountant.
- Wednesday before Thanksgiving?
- Concerns about Veterans affairs: The flag needs a stand and should be behind the BoS table.
- The Tax Re-Cap has been accepted, and the tax rate for FY 2020 was set by the Department of Revenue.

UPCOMING

November 26 – *Ad Hoc* Ambulance Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m.

December 2 & 9 – Board of Selectmen Meetings

December 4 & 18 – Department heads and staff meeting – 10:00 a.m. in Melville

December 3 – Meeting with Republic Hauling – 9:00 a.m.

December 10 – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Shared Services Meeting -- 11:30 a.m.

December 19 – Installation of Chief Farnsworth – 11:15 at Great Horse