

Town of Hamilton

Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen Monday May 17, 2021

Governor Baker's announcement to lift the Emergency Declaration – The State announced today that most COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted on May 29 and that the State of Emergency that was initially issued by Governor Baker in March 2020, will be lifted on June 15, 2021. I am working with Town Counsel and HWCam to ensure that we can continue to offer a virtual or zoom component to televised town board and committee meetings going forward, but we do expect that after June 15 most of our meetings will be returning to in-person meetings, either here at Town Hall or at other public spaces we've used in the past.

Master Plan Steering Committee kick-off – The Hamilton Master Plan Steering Committee will begin working with the selected planning consultants from Weston and Sampson and RKG Associates beginning on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. We are excited to begin this process of working with town residents to build consensus around a plan for the future of Hamilton.

\$200,000 annual grant awarded – The towns of Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester and Essex were awarded a grant to regionalize additional public health nursing and social worker functions from the Department of Public Health, to serve the four towns in planning and responding to public health crises. The town's will get about \$37,000 this year and \$200,000 in each of the next three years to hire 1 FTE regional public health nurse coordinator and a .75 FTE public health social worker, with the goal that the two new positions identify and pursue future grants that will make the roles sustainable for the towns.

The job descriptions for these two new roles will be advertised and posted to the town website shortly and interested residents with the requisite skills and education are encouraged to apply.

New openings in Town Government – With the passage of the FY'22 budget and July 1, 2021 fast approaching, we wanted to announce that there will be a few new openings that will be advertised shortly to try and have those positions filled in time to start the fiscal year.

We will be advertising for 24 hours per week Health Director and 18 hours per week Health Department Administrative/Clerical position.

Additionally, with the management of the Regional Inspectional Services Department shifting to Hamilton, we will be advertising for a new Building Commissioner as well.

Lastly, with the recent departure of Pat Shannon from the Town Manager's office, we will be advertising for a new Assistant to the Town Manager/Community Preservation Coordinator as well.

The job descriptions for all of these new roles will be advertised shortly and posted to the town website. Interested residents with the requisite skills and education are encouraged to apply.



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