

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon., Nov. 18, 2019

- The 2019 Stuff-A-Cruiser event will take place on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Hamilton Police Department invites all residents to assist them in their efforts to support local families in need and the Shriners Hospital for Children, by donating new, unwrapped toys for children to this annual, community based effort.
- I will be discussing this item in detail with the Board during the regular meeting but wanted to publicly note that the Finance and Advisory Committee has voted to support my request that we enhance the position of Community Projects Coordinator, formerly filled by Dorr Fox, by making it a fulltime position. This will be done within the framework of the approved FY 2020 budget and will allow the town to dedicate some time to enhanced community outreach, commercial/economic development, and grant writing. I thank the Finance and Advisory Committee for its support.
- The FY 2021 Budget Calendar has been reviewed and commented on by the Finance and Advisory Committee and will be posted to the town website later this week.
- The Shared Human Resources effort continues, Town Counsel recently amended the Draft IMA that will need to be signed by all three communities. The Board of Selectmen will review the IMA, and we hope to begin advertising for the position in the next week.
- Please remember to sign up to participate in FlashVote Community surveys – the town is currently in the process of establishing a virtual panel that can be invited to participate in one minute surveys four to six times per year. The important step now is to sign up to be a part of the panel by going to: www.flashvote.com/hamiltonma so that your voice can be heard. The occasional surveys will be developed with the help of FlashVote and will be designed to help town government understand the general attitude of the town toward different projects and issues facing the community.

- Update on Town Manager Goals:

I hope to discuss shortly, a new set of priority tasks for the town for the next calendar year, but will also continue tracking progress on the previously stated goals that typically complete this report.

For the time being, all four task areas – Sustainability of Patton Homestead; Chebacco Road Paving and Well Exploration; Master Planning; and Town Hall Renovation – remain in progress.