

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon., November 23, 2020

Special Election ballots available by mail – As part of the Town Clerk’s on-going effort to make our elections as safe as possible during his pandemic, Vote by Mail is available for the December 3 Special Election. The application form is available on the Town Clerk’s webpage and voters can have their ballot mailed to their home if applications are recieved this week.

Town Hall Building forum – The town’s architects and project manager will be hosting a special virtual meeting Tuesday night, November 24, beginning at 7 p.m., to answer questions about the project proposal and explain how the project was developed. This session will be a zoom meeting and information on how to log on to the meeting is available on the Town website at:

<https://www.hamiltonma.gov/public-forum-tuesday-night-with-architect-project-manager-to-answer-town-hall-project-questions/>

Hamilton Police Department receives body camera grant – Senator Brice Tarr’s office reached out today to let us know that the Hamilton Police Department was today informed that they will be awarded \$22,875.29 for body worn cameras from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and \$5,619 from the Road Safety Grant.

Chief Brunet returning – Hamilton Fire Chief Ray Brunet has been given clearance to return to duty by his doctors beginning on Monday, November 30, 2020. I think the whole team is looking forward to having Ray back, while we are also sorry to see Acting Chief Ken “Kirby” Brand stepping aside into his planned retirement from the fire service.

I think I speak for everyone on the leadership team, that Kirby’s service to our town the last few months has been tremendous and he is appreciated by all of us. He did a great job of keeping the fire department moving forward during Ray’s absence and his concern and compassion for the firefighters was evident every day he was at work. Kirby will be missed.

Hamilton Masks – The Town of Hamilton has a number of cloth masks with the Town Seal on them, which are available to anyone who wants one on a first come first served basis. Masks can be requested at Town Hall or at the Senior Center.



Cell phone tower update – The town last week received a copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Agreement between the cell tower company, Everest, our town government and

the state historic preservation officer, which was sought and approved by the Federal Communications Commission. The MOA was the last hurdle that needed to be cleared for Everest to start their construction of the tower. As such they also notified us that they are currently out to bid on the construction of the tower and expect to apply for the building permits as soon as a contractor has been chosen.