

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon., Jan. 27, 2020

- The town has hired a new Conservation Agent, on the recommendation of the interview panel, we have offered the position to Albert Comins and he has accepted to work for u for 19 hours per week, starting sometime around the week of February 10. Mr. Comins is the part-time conservation agent in West Newbury as well, where he works 20 hours per week. At a future meeting, we will be asking the Board of Selectmen to take a vote to identify him as a Special Municipal Employee, because he will be working for two towns.
- The Town Clerk would like to make residents aware of some important upcoming dates. Currently the nominating period for town elective offices is open and the nominating period ends on **February 20, 2020**; once nomination papers have been submitted, candidates who change their minds would have until **March 9**, to withdraw from the ballot; the town's election ballot will be ordered by the Clerk after **March 9, 2020**.
- Also from the Town Clerk, the **Presidential Primary** will be held on **Tuesday, March 3. Early voting** in the Presidential Primary will be held in the Memorial Room at Town Hall during the daytime hours from **Monday, Feb. 24 through 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28**.
- We are nearing the finish line on our hiring process for the Community Projects Coordinator and I am hoping to be able to make an announcement at the next regularly scheduled BOS meeting in February.
- The town has also received approximately a dozen resumes for the Regional HR Director for Hamilton, Manchester and Rockport and we hope to be finalizing an IMA for that position with the Boards of Selectmen shortly.
- The town is in the thick of budget development, with tonight's meeting opening the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, a joint budgetary meeting between the schools, and FinCom and Boards of Selectmen from both Hamilton and Wenham on Wednesday night and our initial budget proposal to a joint meeting of the Hamilton Board of Selectmen and Finance and Advisory Committee next Monday, Feb. 3, 2020. I want all residents to be aware that this is shaping up to be a difficult budget year and there will be a lot of discussion between now and the Annual Town Meeting on April 4.
- A committee of residents and town staff will be meeting with CATA Director Felicia Webb this coming Friday. We hope to begin having Cape Ann Transportation Authority start serving Hamilton residents as quickly as possible following that meeting.
- The long awaited LED signboard for in front of the Public Safety building is finally ready to move forward. A vendor has been awarded the contract and weather permitting the sign will be installed in the coming month or so.