

## Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon., Sep. 23, 2019

- Dorr Fox, the Community Projects Coordinator, is retiring effective this week. Dorr will be difficult to replace, and we are going to be very deliberate in determining how best to fill his shoes. Personally, though I know we will all miss the hard work, experience and dedication he brought to Town Hall, I think the community as a whole will miss the person that Dorr is. His compassion and effective listening skills are not easy to find, and that will make it even more difficult to find the right person to fill his role.
- The Town Administration – aided and supported by representatives of the Board of Selectmen and Finance and Advisory Committee and the Waste Reduction Committee, will be hosting a public discussion about the town's challenges with regard to the costs of trash, recycling and compost collection, what our options are for reducing those costs and what our responsibilities for ensuring proper disposal of refuse is. This Public Trash Discussion will take place on Thursday, September 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Room at Town Hall. All interested members of the public are invited to attend, learn about the town's current programs, and the options for improving them.
- 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](http://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 the town government understand the general attitude of the town toward different projects and issues facing the community.
- My discussions with Manchester and Rockport, toward a Regional Human Resources agreement, are progressing nicely. I will be looking to bring an Intermunicipal Agreement before the Board of Selectmen at an upcoming meeting. Our goal is to adopt a beneficial agreement between the three communities and be able to hire the new position near the beginning of the calendar year.
- For the members of the Board of Selectmen, I have included for you all, information about an upcoming Floodplain Management Workshop being planned for North Shore and Merrimack Valley communities. The workshop will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, in Tewksbury. I will also be sharing this information with our Planning Board and other related committees and departments.
- The Sharon Road pilot closure will begin on Monday, September 30, with DPW moving to install temporary road closure barriers at the end of Sharon that intersects with Asbury Street.
- Update on Town Manager Goals:
  - Self-Sufficiency of the Patton Homestead – Local stakeholders and partners of the Patton Homestead, met together last week
  - Chebacco Road/Well Exploration and Manchester – The town's engineers on the Chebacco Road paving project held a public meeting on the project with residents and neighbors expected to be impacted by the project and the engineers will be conducting a site walk this week with town staff to ensure the comments and concerns heard at the meeting can be included in the design, as much as possible.
  - Master Planning/ Housing Master Plan updates – The Planning Board conducted an open and public review of the update to the housing elements of the town's

Master Plan. The results of the plan update and supporting documentation will be posted to the town's website for review by members of the public.

- Town Hall Renovations – The Town Hall Building Committee and Community Preservation Committee are both available to participate in the Board of Selectmen meeting on Sep. 23, to assist with discussion and debate about the Town Hall project and the warrant article.