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TO: Chairman Strange and Members of the Select Board

FROM: Lyn N. Simmons, Town Manager

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SUBJECT: Town Manager Report

COVID-19 Update

As of Friday, February 3, 2022 there are 72 cases in town. This is a significant decline compared to the numbers we had been seeing. The chart below is a breakdown of the cases in January 2022, totaling 810 cases.

Veterans Services Mediation Certification

The Town's Veterans Services Officer, Lena Velturo, recently completed coursework to achieve a Veterans Services Mediation Certification. Completing this program now provides Lena another tool to help the veterans in our community. Many times, Lena has worked with veterans who may be struggling and sometimes includes areas of conflict. The skills she has learned at this training have already helped with de-escalating situations, and enhanced listening skills based on what is being said and help the veteran feel empowered to make the best decisions for themselves.

Adult Center

A pause in on site meal service remains in effect until the end of February. At that time resuming on site meals will be reviewed for a possible restart in March. Two Program Assistants have been hired to provide night and weekend hours at the Adult Center. The goal is to expand these hours in March. This ability to offer these expanding hours was made possible through a generous donation from the Longmeadow Adult Center Community Fund.

Town Moderator's Electronic Voting Task Force

A final report on electronic voting has been prepared by the Electronic Voting Task Force and can be viewed [here](#). A purchase order will be prepared and we will move ahead with the purchase using ARPA funds to hopefully have the clickers for the Annual Town Meeting in May.