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TO: Chairman Marantz 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 June 3, 2022, Health Department is currently tracking 110 cases. The statewide 14- day percent positivity rate is 8.44%, Longmeadow is at 8.61%. This is the first week we have seen a decrease in percent positivity in recent weeks.

Greenwood Pool Schedule

We continue to struggle with the number of lifeguards who accepted positions. Over 14 employment offers were made, however only 8 have accepted lifeguard positions, this puts us in a difficult position for staffing 7 days per week. The Parks & Recreation Department staff have been working hard on a solution and have concluded that closing one day per week is the only option with the amount of staff we have. Greenwood pool will open (weekends only) June 11 and open full time on the last day of school June 17. The pool will be open 6 days per week with Wednesday being the day that the pool remains closed. We will continue to try and recruit additional lifeguard and should our staffing levels increase, we will immediately revisit and implement a change to 7 days per week. This is a national issue, not just a Longmeadow issue. Corporate aquatic facilities are also struggling. Wages were elevated by 15% (recreation revolving fund supported, not general fund) in hopes of attracting more candidates.

EV Chargers

We have received the EV chargers for the DPW and the Adult Center. The one at the DPW was installed. The two for the Adult Center are about to be installed. They are not activated yet. We are working on a policy to bring forward to the Select Board to set the parameters on charging. Once the policy has been adopted, we can activate the chargers. We are still awaiting word on the grants for the high school and Wolf Swamp fields.

Upcoming Fireworks

On June 17th, the Longmeadow Country Club will be opening their anniversary celebration with a kick off fireworks display. On July 3rd, Twin Hills Country Club will be holding their fireworks display. This is an annual event. Both are "private events". However, residents typically find viewing spots for the annual Twin Hills fireworks display and we anticipate the same will happen for this year's event. Both events have completed the permit process with the Fire Department. As a note, both the Twin Hills and the East Longmeadow Fireworks are scheduled for the same approximate time to begin right after dusk.