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TO: Chairman Lachiusa and Members of the Select Board
FROM: Lyn N. Simmons, Town Manager
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SUBJECT: Town Manager Report

Retirement of Finance Director

After 34 years of service to the Town of Longmeadow, Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk has announced that he will retire in June 2021. Paul started his career with the town in 1987 as the Town Accountant and has served as the Finance Director for the past 15 years. With Paul's leadership, the Town has benefited from an upgraded credit rating (AA+), award winning budget documents and implementation of an OPEB trust fund. As many know and have experienced firsthand, Paul is the go-to person when you have a question about anything, he provides guidance, support, direction and a listening ear. His retirement is well deserved and will leave big shoes to fill.

DPW Site on Dwight Road

The town has filed a complaint in Hampden Superior Court under G.L. c. 21E, §§ 4A and 5 to recover the costs associated with the cleanup of the 170 Dwight Road site, including future costs and attorney's fees.

Reuse of Greenwood Center

With the move of the Adult Center, Veterans Services and Public Health Nurse Offices on the horizon, we have engaged Hill Engineering to assist with a feasibility study for the possibility of relocating Town Hall and Community House offices to Greenwood. There is more space at Greenwood that what the Community House or Town Hall offers and more importantly, Greenwood is ADA accessible.

Longmeadow Street Improvements

MassDOT's Design Public Hearing for the Longmeadow and Converse Streets improvements has been published. Due to covid, the Design Public Hearing will be held virtually and was pre-recorded. A link is available on the Town's website or by visiting <https://www.mass.gov/event/longmeadow-springfield-design-public-hearing-webinar-and-comment-period-2021-01-28t000100>. Comments on the project may be submitted to MassDOT between January 28 – February 11.

Energy Resiliency Application to MVP

We have submitted an Express of Interest form to MVP to gauge their interest in energy resiliency projects. If they are interested, we will consider submitting a similar application to what we did last time for solar and storage at the Adult Center, DPW, High School and Town Hall Campus. I expect we would alter the application and refine it. If MVP does not look positively on this project we have a list of other items we are pursuing.

Bliss and Laurel Parks Working Group

As a spinoff to The Conway School of Design master planning work that concluded this summer, the core volunteer group along with Andy Fisk of the Connecticut River Conservancy, myself, Bari Jarvis, Mario Mazza and Tim Keane, have been meeting to talk about where we go from here. Two meetings have been held and a few items have been identified as priorities including the need for a comprehensive stormwater management study. The volunteer group will also research forest stewardship plans with a goal toward preparing a plan that would be applicable for all our parks.

Wolf Swamp Fields Renovations

Last week I visited the site to check on progress. The lack of snow and the relatively mild weather has allowed them to continue working. We have almost made back the lost time from the later than expected fall start.

Treasurer Collector Position

Interviews have been scheduled. Depending on the outcome a second round of interviews may be scheduled.

MMA Annual Meeting

The Mass Municipal Association held the annual meeting last week virtually, I attended as much of "meeting" as I could. Nothing notable to report from it. Looking forward to when we can meet in person next year!