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Town Manager's Report

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to report the following updates from Town Hall and throughout Town:

- The 250 Middlesex Rd Strategic Visioning Committee held a successful Public Visioning Session on March 1st. Approximately 50 residents attended. The feedback has been compiled and is being reviewed by the committee on March 15th.
- The Sherburne Ave Open Space Committee has quickly developed a Phase 1 plan for the property. An initial request for \$800,000 from the Community Preservation Committee was approved on March 8th and will now be included on the Town Meeting warrant.
- Thursday, 23, 2023 is the deadline for Citizen Petition articles to be submitted to Town Clerk
- Sue Silvia, Highway Department Assistant, retired on March 9th after 10 years with Tyngsborough. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Silvia for her hard work and dedication during that time. I am also pleased to announce that Sue Thompson has been hired to replace Ms. Silvia. Ms. Thompson has a municipal background working in several neighboring communities in similar roles, and comes with extensive Munis experience. We are excited to have Ms. Thompson join the Town and our Highway Department.
- On Monday, March 6, 2023, Tyngsborough High School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts BioMed Education foundation. Tyngsborough High School was selected to receive this award in recognition of their "unequivocal devotion to provide students with accessible, hands-on learning opportunities in STEM through their robust curricula".
- The industrial project at 93 Kendall Road was approved by the Planning Board on Thursday. This project will lead to the creation of a new shared driveway for the Tyngsborough Highway Department and the Tyngsborough Park-and-Ride, and lead to the creation of 400,000 sq.ft. of high-bay warehouse distribution space.
- The Board of Health would like to remind residents that there are still free COVID tests available in the Board of Health office at Town Hall.
- I am fortunate to have had the pleasure of working with Colin Loiselle for over five years, starting as a Management Intern and quickly rising through the ranks, working in several different capacities at Town Hall. His work ethic, demeanor, and character are impeccable. He will be missed by everyone at Town Hall and throughout Tyngsborough's government. To say he will be an asset to the City of Boston would be an understatement. Colin, you will be sorely missed, we wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

Assistant Town Manager's Report

- After a thorough RFP review process, Town Manager Matthew Hanson has awarded a contract to The Engineering Corp (TEC) for peer review services to the planning board. The process involved a review of non-price proposals, price-proposals, and in-person interviews. The review Committee consisted of two (2) members of the Planning Department staff, and two (2) members





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of the Planning Board. The contract is effective with any filing submitted to the Planning Board after 7/1/2023. The contract also includes two (2), one-year optional extensions.

- Mr. Hanson has also awarded a contract to Landtech Consultants for Board of Health Peer Review Services. This was awarded following a request for quote process in which Landtech was the only respondent. The Town has used Landtech for more than 5 years with no performance issues and with very reasonable hourly rates.
- The Commission on Disability has submitted a \$30,000 grant application to the AARP Livable Communities Grant Program to add fully accessible walking paths between all three fields at Wicasse Park. They have also requested a \$25,000 match from the Community Preservation Committee.
- Finally, as this Board is aware, tonight is my last meeting of the Select Board and tomorrow is my final day in Tyngsborough. I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest appreciation to this Board for all of its support of me over the years. Many of you were on the Board when I was first hired in 2017 and in the subsequent years as I was fortunate enough to rise through the ranks. I have enjoyed working with each of you and have appreciated the lessons each of you has taught me. I am just as grateful to Matt who has been a tremendous resource to me and mentor over the years. When I started as an unpaid intern, Matt asked me what I wanted to do with my career and every step of the way has given me the opportunities to achieve all of my career goals. Finally, to the staff at Town Hall and across Town government, I have so enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Each member of staff brings a unique skill set and passion for service and the residents of Tyngsborough are tremendously fortunate to have such a dedicated group of public servants working on their behalf. There are a lot of fantastic things happening in Tyngsborough. It can be hard to see for the average resident just trying to get their kids to school, work a full-time job, and manage their social life but if you take a minute to look around it is crazy to see how far Tyngsborough has come in the last five years. My favorite part about my job here was working with our Town Engineer Jacob Zwicker who is busier than anyone can imagine designing, implementing, and executing some fantastic projects across Town. I know roads are a third rail issue in any municipality and I know the only way you'll make every resident happy is to pave every inch of road, but when you look at the creative and cost-effective treatment methods Jake and this Board have implemented, you can see a real commitment by this town to touch as many miles of road as it can with the money available to it. These techniques aren't even being used yet in big cities or larger towns so residents should find comfort in knowing that despite Tyngsborough's smaller size, it is a trailblazer when it comes to modernizing the ways we deliver municipal services. Tyngsborough is a special place to be right now and I know that I will miss it dearly. Thank you.

Regards,

Matthew J. Hanson
Town Manager

Colin F. Loisel
Assistant Town Manager

