



# TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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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:

- Administration applied for and was awarded two Combination Dynamic Speed Feedback and School Zone Speed Limit Signs through a MassDOT grant program. MassDOT expects to provide delivery of the sign assemblies via in late spring or early summer and are hopeful that they can be installed prior to the beginning of the 2023/2024 school year.
- The Sewer Department has filed a Congressionally Direct Spending request to Representative Trahan's Office, as well as with Senator Warren and Markey's offices. We were notified this week that Rep Trahan's office will include this project in one of the 15 she will support, so it is heading in the right direction, although they cannot guarantee which projects will be funded. The project involves \$480k in Inflow & Infiltration work to remove clean water from older sewer lines in Tyngsborough that send flow through Chelmsford to the treatment plant. Removal of clean water from the system will increase the town's overall sewer capacity.
- On March 23, 2023, the legislature passed a compromise supplemental budget bill that included several extensions of pandemic-related authorizations related to public meetings and outdoor dining. The authorizations relevant to Tyngsborough include:
  - Allow remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025
  - Allow remote and hybrid participation options for representative town meetings through March 31, 2025
  - Permit reduced quorums for open town meetings through March 31, 2025
  - Extend the expedited outdoor dining permit process through April 1, 2024
  - Extending the ability of restaurants to offer to-go cocktails through April 1, 2024.
  - The bill also included a \$400M bond authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program which the town is in the process of applying for funding.
- The Request for Proposals for companies interested in obtaining a cannabis Host Community Agreement was released on Saturday, March 25th. Proposals are due at 10AM on April 24th. It was made clear in the RFP that the request is being released "if" an HCA becomes available.
- Thursday March 24th was the deadline for citizen petition warrant articles to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office. No articles were submitted.

Regards,

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