

Town of Hamilton

Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon. March 15, 2021

Cell Tower Permit – The foundation for the monopole for the new cellphone tower behind Town Hall has been poured and is curing. Site work continues around the foundation and the end of the month has been identified as the target to have the pole start going up. The contractor is still working with National Grid to run power to the pole from Bay Road, but the project remains on track for a late April completion.



Information About Compost Program – Beginning next week, the Town's trash hauler, Casella, will begin leaving reminder notices, or "Warning" stickers, with black trash barrels that are not accompanied by a green compost bin.

Casella will continue to take your black bin, for now, but the notices are intended to ensure that all residents know about the change to the trash collection program and the need to have the compost bin accompany the trash bin at the curbside each week, beginning in May.

Residents who don't have a green bin, can still request one free of charge and home composters are still encouraged to apply for an exemption sticker with the Department of Public Works.

The Town has intentionally slowed the rollout of this new program because it takes time to make sure that everyone has the equipment they need to participate in the program, as well as knowledge of the change.



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Updated Bi-Weekly e-Newsletter and Website – The Town is working to improve our ability to communicate directly with our residents, including a recent update of the bi-weekly e-newsletter, expanded use of our social media accounts and a planned refresh of the Town website.

Town staff is working with website developer Stirling Technology, to complete an update to the Town website before the end of the fiscal year. The decision has been made to update the current website, after reviewing options with nearly a half-dozen website designers and reviewing the Town's changing needs with Stirling.

We hope to be able to rollout the updated website by June, with new features that will make it easier for residents to search for the information they need, and expanded Town calendar for important events and meetings and a more efficient process to update department and committee pages with current information.

However, we are open to additional feedback and encourage residents who have ideas for the new website will contact us to share those ideas.

Senior Center open hours – Members of the Hamilton Council on Aging Board will be volunteering to offer some limited opportunity for drop-in hours at the Hamilton Senior Center beginning the week of March 15, for approximately 2-3 hours per day, with some precautions and restrictions.

Because of the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Health and Council on Aging Board have agreed to allow limited use of the interior of the Council on Aging with the following conditions:

- No more than 12 senior residents will be allowed in the Center at any time;
- All visitors must complete a daily health form upon entering and agree to have their temperature taken;
- Visitors will be logged in for contact tracing purposes;
- All visitors must wear a mask at all times inside the facility;
- All visitors must practice social distancing inside the facility;
- Visit times may be shortened by COA volunteers to allow more visitors;
- No food or beverage service can be offered at this time.

Please check the Town website, or call the Senior Center at (978) 626-5241, to make sure that the Senior Center is open when you wish to visit and that there is room to accommodate you.



Your Town Hall Update



What's Happening in Hamilton

Chebacco Road Update

This project is currently under final design and the Town has gained approval from the Hamilton Conservation Commission for the construction. Due to a portion of Chebacco Road located on the Town of Manchester By the Sea (MBTS) owned property in Hamilton, the design team and Department of Public Works recently attended the MBTS Board of Selectmen meeting to give a brief presentation of the proposed project. The next steps toward construction will be to request a new easement within the MBTS property at their Annual Town Meeting. In parallel, the Town of Hamilton Board of Selectmen will need to petition state legislators to allow the new easement on this property that has a Conservation Restriction due to the proximity of MBTS public water resource. The Town plans to have a virtual public presentation in the coming weeks.

Water Treatment Plant Update

The Town's engineering consultant, Devberry Engineers, continues to finalize the design and specifications for the new GAC filtration facility. Devberry plans to have the documents ready in the next few weeks to submit as part of the MassDEP BPP WQS25 application for approval to construct. Depending on the permit review and approval timeframe, the Town is looking to bid

Cell Tower Update

Everest Infrastructure pulled its permit to begin construction of the cell phone tower behind Town Hall. Last week, the contractor in charge of the project held a pre-construction meeting with the Town. The construction company is aiming for a mid to late March start of construction, with the first task being the construction of the foundation. The contractor is also working with



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