

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen – Mon., Oct. 7, 2019

- The next E-Waste pick up day is scheduled for the same day as Special Town Meeting, October 19 from 8 .am. until noon. So residents are reminded they can drop their Electronics waste at the DPW yard on their way to STM. For a list of prices for E-Waste Disposal items please be sure to check out the town website at:
<https://www.hamiltonma.gov/government/department-public-works/trash-organics-recycling-yard-waste-disposal-information/>
- Finance Director Marisa Batista and I will be meeting with school administration officials and the Wenham Town Administrator and Finance Director on Wednesday of this week to start the process for planning for our FY'21 Budget process. I will provide a further update for the Selectboard and FinCom, after that meeting.
- Beauport Ambulance informed the town last Thursday that going forward Beauport will be operating the town's ambulance service as if it were a dedicated service. This decision was made by Beauport President John Morris and communicated to myself and both Chiefs, Ray Brunet and Russ Stevens, after the chiefs and I met with John to discuss a small group of recent long-response times that had occurred in town. We appreciate John's commitment to the town and his agreement that the priority is for the safe, reliable provision of emergency medical response to Hamilton residents. He understands that the town will continue to explore the viability of town operated ambulance service in the future, but is eager to continue to work with us in the interim and wants Hamilton to know he is committed to providing the highest level of service possible.
- The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Committee will also be meeting with our lead consultant from MAPC this week, to continue the process of planning for Hamilton's fullday MVP Planning Workshop. At present the plan is to hold the Hamilton MVP Planning Workshop on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hamilton-Wenham Library. We are hoping to have a large turnout of local stakeholders at the workshop, as Hamilton assesses our community for vulnerability to Climate Change and other disasters and identifies measures that could make us more resistant and resilient to Climate Change and other natural threats.
- Please remember to sign up to participate in FlashVote Community surveys – the town is currently in the process of establishing a virtual panel that can be invited to participate in one minute surveys four to six times per year. The important step now is to sign up to be a part of the panel by going to: www.flashvote.com/hamiltonma so that your voice can be heard. The occasional surveys will be developed with the help of FlashVote and will be designed to help town government understand the general attitude of the town toward different projects and issues facing the community.
- Discussions with Manchester and Rockport, toward a Regional Human Resources agreement are progressing nicely. We have a draft job description we expect to finalize and post for this week and I hope to be getting a Draft Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) out to KP Law for their review, before bringing it to the board later this month. We are trying to work on a timeline of having the position hired and ready to start at the beginning of January.
- The Sharon Road pilot closure began on Monday, September 30, and to date there is little evidence of major disruption. The police have received a letter of thanks from one of the Sharon Rd. residents, the change has been welcome to the neighborhood, so far.

- Update on Town Manager Goals:
 - Self-Sufficiency of the Patton Homestead – Kaleigh Pare will be joining the Board of Selectmen at an upcoming meeting to discuss the happenings and plans underway at the Homestead.
 - Chebacco Road/Well Exploration and Manchester – I have been notified that there is a potential buyer for the 133 Essex St. property and our engineers and DPW director are working on their submissions to ConsCom to move the Chebacco Road paving project forward. We are aiming for a spring/summer paving, but the project still has design and permitting hurdles to clear.
 - Master Planning/ Housing Master Plan updates – Both the Housing element of the Master Plan and the Housing Production Plan have had public meetings in recent weeks. The Housing Production Plan, in order to be adopted by the town, will have to be placed on an agenda for a Board of Selectmen's meeting and a Planning Board meeting. I suggest we try to coordinate a joint meeting of the two boards (BoS and PB) to discuss the HPP and make recommendations to amendments to the plan, which our consultant can make prior to submitting to the state for approval.
 - Town Hall Renovations – The Town Hall Building Committee will be meeting this Wednesday at 5 p.m. to prepare their presentation to Special Town Meeting.