

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen
Monday, November 19, 2018

- The town continues to remind residents about the scheduled leaf pick for Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. There was some recent confusion, because when the schedule for leaf pick up was first posted, it included a pick-up on Nov. 17. However, it was determined several month ago that the Nov. 17 leaf pick-up would not be able to happen because the trash collection would be delayed a day because of Veterans Day observance. Attempts to re-schedule to the following week would have caused a similar issue with Thanksgiving, so December 1 was chosen as the alternative date. The town did push out the new schedule on the town website and through social media posts on Oct. 28 and November 13 and we are doing so again this week. Unfortunately, it seems not everyone received that message.
- The town has so far received four resumes for the new position of Patton Homestead Director. We are hopeful for more applicants and the position will remain posted until we find the right candidate. I hope to have a small screening committee review resumes and conduct first round interviews in the beginning of December, so that finalists can be interviewed by mid-December with the goal of having the Director on board by early January.
- I attended the Regional Drought Task Force meeting hosted by Sen. Tarr last week in Topsfield and continue to look into what the town's options are for maintaining our water sources.
- 2018 Stuff A Cruiser event to support toys for Shriner's Hospital for Children and local families in need will take place on Sat., Dec. 15 at the Public Safety Building parking lot. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. We invite residents to support this local effort by bringing a New Unwrapped toy to the Hamilton PD, at 265 Bay Road, at that time. All toys will be delivered to Shriner's Hospital in Boston. Residents can also bring their cameras for a special appearance by Santa and hot cocoa and candy canes will be provided to those who attend.