

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen

Monday, December 3, 2018

- A reminder that leaf pick is scheduled for Dec. 1 and Dec. 8.
- The town is working with the PHI Board to screen and conduct first round interviews for the Patton Homestead Director. I expect to have a group of finalists to interview by next week and we are still working toward the goal of having the Director on board by early January.
- 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.
- The Hamilton Development Corporation will be holding a meeting to discuss Downtown Hamilton Improvements with residents and their consultant, who has come up with some ideas for improving the area around Railroad Avenue and they are looking for public input. The meeting is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hamilton-Wenham Library.
- The Wreaths Across America campaign was incredibly successful, with funds being raised for more than 750 wreaths to be placed at the Hamilton Cemetery on Sat. Dec. 15 beginning at 12 noon. However. That incredible success means that the Essex Regional Veterans Office is looking for volunteers to help place the Wreaths on Dec. 15. Anyone who can take an hour of their day on Saturday, Dec. 15 to help lay Wreaths to honor our fallen soldiers should report to the cemetery just before noon. Thank you.
- I am working with our Council on Aging Director, Chief Russ Stevens and our committee coordinator Dorr Fox to unify several recent ideas for installing new signage to inform town residents on Bay Road. I'd be happy to include a member of the Selectboard in those discussions, if the board wishes to have someone work with us.
- I have contacted MAPC to engage their services in helping us with several projects in town, including the Open Space and Recreation Plan update, an update to the FEMA required Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, and to begin conversations around utilizing MAPC to assist in beginning An update to our town wide Master Plan. I will report back to you on all of those requests as they move along.