

Town of Hamilton

Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Report to the Board of Selectmen Monday, July 19, 2021

I am pleased to be able to offer the following report on programs and initiatives that are on-going in the Town of Hamilton, as well as some updates on a variety of things that have happened since our last report.

Cell Phone Tower status – Activation of the cell tower behind Town Hall was delayed earlier this spring because of some delays in running power to the cell phone tower from Bay Road. The initial plan to run overhead power from the pole on Bay Road to the tower in back, had to be revisited, due to the amount of tree work that was required to run the power overhead. Running the power overhead would have resulted in a great deal of tree trimming and likely the removal of some trees.

Earlier in July, Everest Infrastructure, the cell phone tower company, authorized that the power generation lines be placed underground, along the edge of the Town Hall driveway, to avoid having to trim and remove any trees between Bay Road and the tower. That work is expected to commence prior to the end of July.

Chebacco Road Solar Array – We had an update from Ameresco about the solar array on Chebacco Road. They have reported that they have had a successful witness test with National Grid and are now awaiting the installation of a meter at the site, which is expected to take 2 to 4 weeks. Once this meter is installed Ameresco can receive permission to operate the solar array and push electricity into the grid.

Building Inspector hired – The Town of Hamilton has hired Rich Maloney as the new Building Commissioner for Hamilton and Wenham, through the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for Shared Inspectional Services that was signed by the two Selectboards and both Town Meetings in May.

Rich has been filling in as the Interim Building Inspector, since the previous Inspector left to take another position in a different town this past Spring.

Prior to filling the interim role, Rich was Hamilton and Wenham's back-up Building Inspector for the past three years and was also the Building Commissioner for the Town of Danvers for almost 22 years. He is fully certified and credentialed with the State of Massachusetts as a Building Commissioner and he teaches building inspection for the state and is actively involved in continuing education and certification for other inspectors around the state.

Please join me in welcoming Rich to this new role with the towns.

Help Wanted – You may have read recently in the news about the difficulty that companies and other employers are having in finding staff. The Town of Hamilton is no different. Currently, the town has several part-time and full-time openings we are seeking to fill and have had an unfortunate shortage of applicants.



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As of July 19, 2021, we are currently accepting applications for:

- Part-Time Health Director
- Part-Time Administrative Assistant to the Health Department
- Part-Time Regional Public Health Social Worker
- Part-Time Social Services and Program Coordinator for Council on Aging
- Part-Time Site Coordinator for the Patton Homestead
- Full-Time Assistant to the Town Manager/ Community Preservation Coordinator
- Full-Time Director of Assessors
- Full-Time Regional Public Health Nurse

The position descriptions for these jobs are currently available on the town website, on the Human Resources page under the category Career Opportunities.

Patton Homestead – The busy summer at Patton Homestead continues. In the past two weeks, the Homestead has hosted a wedding, with 50 people in attendance and The Military Service Day, which brought several hundred visitors to town this past weekend.

This Saturday, July 24 the West Point alumni will hold a picnic at the Homestead grounds and on July 31, the Homestead will welcome the Claflin Family Reunion.



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