

## Town of Hamilton Town Manager Report

For September 19, 2022

Department/ Project	Weekly Update	Timeline	Status
Town Manager			
1. Cell Tower	1. Verizon's contractor, Timberline, informed us in early September that they "have most of the supplies from Verizon and will plan to have electricians start on Sep. 15." However, on Sep. 15, they informed us that they are still waiting for a few pieces of equipment. The town continues to ask for a start date, but has not been given a firm answer as yet.	1 Work to start	1 On-going
2. Accessibility Evaluation	2. The town has received portions of the evaluation results, table and final report components, but not the full report. We expect to have enough material to be able to apply for related state grants before Sep. 30.	2 September	2 On-going
3. Chebacco Road permit appealed	3. There is no current update. DEP is considering the appeal.	3. Unknown	3. Unknown
4. SWMI Grant/Report complete	4. The town's consultant will provide a presentation on the WMA study findings this week, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wed. Sep. 21 at the Hamilton-Wenham Library.	4. Presentation scheduled for week of 9/21 at the Library	4. Complete
5. Special Town Meeting Warrant	5. The Warrant has been mailed to residents and the Script was reviewed by the Select Board on Monday, Sep. 19.	5. October 1, 2022	5. Complete on Oct. 1, 2022
6. Town Hall	6. An internal team of staff is reviewing options for making the Town Hall ADA and fire code compliant.	6. Expect to propose options Oct. 3 to SB	6. On-going

7. New EV Charging Station	7. No update at this time	7. Fall of 2022	7. On-going
<b>Public Works</b> 1 GAC Filtration Project	<ol> <li>Masonry work will begin in the next few weeks. The building materials have been delivered and construction will start in the next few weeks. Filter vessels are scheduled for delivery in October.</li> </ol>	1 Fall/Win. '22	1 On-going
2 Asbury Grove Backflow	2. Bids for the Asbury Grove backflow were received on September 8th. Low bidder, D&C Construction Co., Inc., submitted a price of \$145,000 and DPW has drafted a contract for this work, pending SB vote at the 9/19/2022 meeting.	2 Fall/Winter 2022	2 On-going
3 Essex Street Drainage	3. Working with the engineering consultant on a redesign to present to the owner of 470 Essex Street for consideration as well as a reviewing possible alternatives to the drainage along Essex Street north of Appaloosa Lane. No new update.	3 Fall 2022	3 In progress
4 Chebacco Road Reconstruction	4. The Order of Conditions for the Chebacco Road project has been appealed. An appeal meeting administered by MassDEP was held on August 17th. The town and its consultants answered questions from MassDEP and have also submitted a formal response from questions asked by the appeal applicants and their consultant. No new update.	4 In progress	4 On-hold
5 PSB Recommissioning Project	5. The Town received the Green Community Grant from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) for \$164,209, of which approximately \$120k is available for	5 In progress	5 On-going

	equipment upgrades and replacements to the HVAC system at the Hamilton Public Safety Building as well as valuable and needed weatherization improvements to the buildings envelope. The Town and consultants are waiting for the Notice to Proceed from the DOER.		
6 Fueling Facility	6. The town received another quote of ~\$20k which is more than double from past year costs for insurance coverage in the underground fuel tanks. The increase is mainly due to the age of the underground tanks and the increased liability. DPW would like to consider funding a new facility through the upcoming capital process for ATM consideration. This is a very important facility for all public safety divisions with full support for a separate facility in the DPW yard behind Town Hall. The state has informed Hamilton that the underground USTs have to be brought back online or removed from the ground by 8/24/2025, five years from when the tanks were taken off-line.	6 In progress	6 On-going
7 CPC Project Patton Park Master Plan	7. The RFP for the Patton Park Master Plan has been distributed to five selected firms specializing in park master plans. RFP responses are due to the town on 9/30/22	7 Fall 2022	7 In-progress
8 DPW Garage Updates	8. The IFB for the DPW Garage Roof Replacement is in process and anticipated to be advertised by the end of September 2022. DPW has also been in discussions with a bay door company to help specify the exact door replacement required for public bid documents.	8. In-process	8. In-progress
9 EV Charging Station	9. Met with the Town Manager, Energy Manager, and our consultant Voltrek to discuss installation of EV charging stations	9. Fall 2022	9. Waiting for schedule

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	at Patton Park. DPW will move the existing fence and perform the required excavation in accordance with the consultants construction schedule. No new update.		
10. Coliform Sampling Plan	10. Working with MassDEP to update Hamilton's Coliform Sampling Plan. No update.	10. Pending DEP review	10. Submitted
11. Water System Leak Detection	11. A purchase order has been issued for the system wide leak detection project.	11. September 2022	11. In-progress
12. Lead and Copper Water Service Assessment	12. MassDEP has revised the Lead and Copper Rule which includes a system wide Lead Service Assessment and Inventory. There is grant money available for this work that will require an article at STM for authorization to use Water Enterprise funding that would be reimbursable with grant approval. Hamilton has received the proposal from our consultant for this work as well as some of the preliminary documents to file for the available grant. An article for the funding has been drafted for STM in October 2022. No new update.	12. October 2022	12. In-progress
13. Winter Treatment Techniques	13. Both of the primary sanders have been equipped with the pre-treatment spray equipment. DPW has begun the sitework for the new batch tank and has researched the "Safe Melt" product for liquid de-icing treatment.	13. Completed	13. In-progress
14 Employment	14. Hamilton will be advertising for a new Secondary Water Distribution Operator and a new Truck Driver/Laborer position	14. Asap	14. Completed
15. NPDES	15. DPW met with our consultant Weston and Sampson to finalized the Year 4 MS4 storm water report for MassDEP	15. End of Sept.	15. In-progress
16. Salt Contracts	16. The Town has prepared two contracts for road salt for FY23 winter with Eastern Minerals and Morton Salt. Salt prices have increased almost 25% per ton.	16. Pending Signature	16. In-progress
17. Perpetual Care	17. DPW has requested use of perpetual care funds to hydroseed an area at the Hamilton Cemetery as well as use funds to purchase a new Walker Mower.	17. End of Sept.	17. In-process
18. SWMI Water	18. DPW and its' consultant, Dewberry Engineers will be presenting the findings	18. 9/21/22	

	from the recent Water Resiliency report funded by the Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI) state grant	6:30pm HW Library	18. Scheduled
Police 1. Asbury Street "Cutler School Zone"	1. After meeting with the Select Board on May 16 to review Town Counsel's advice regarding the establishment of a new School Zone for the Cutler School. School Zone Project Completed	1. End of June	1. Completed
2. Highway Safety Grant	2. EOPSS Traffic Safety grant in the amount of \$12,433.50 was applied for and awarded.	2. Spring 2022	2.To be completed by 09/15/2022
3. Med-Project	3. \$1300.00 Grant for Prescription Medication Disposal.	3. Awarded	3. Ongoing
4. Road Safety Grant	<ol> <li>4. \$9880.00 EOPSS Traffic Safety grant.</li> </ol>	4. Submitted	4. Pending Award
5. 911 Grant 6.Public Safety Day	<ol> <li>Applied for State 911 Grant(s)         <ol> <li>EMD - \$860.00</li> <li>Training - \$21533.80</li> <li>Support and Incentive - \$27501.00</li> </ol> </li> <li>Public Safety Day and Bike Safety Rodeo</li> </ol>	5. Submitted	<ul> <li>5. Pending Award</li> <li>Awarded</li> <li>6. To be completed on 09/10/2022</li> </ul>

Fire Department		
1. Brush Truck 2. New Call	1. FY-22 the town was authorized to purchase a new forestry brush truck. We ordered the Cab and chassis over a year ago and the truck is finally leaving to be finished. The cab and chassis left the station last week bound for the CET's plant in Canada where it will have the utility body and pump installed. I received a call from the CEO of CET and he apologized for the delay we are having. He stated that he is still waiting for key materials/components for the build and we are presently looking at a delivery date of around the first of the year (2023).	1. Ongoing 2. Ongoing
Firefighters.	Fire Academy Recruit Training Class starts October 17th held here at the Hamilton Fire Department.	
3.CEMP Plan	3. I started updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) . This is an all hazards plan that is developed to address the natural and man hazards that threaten Hamilton. The CEMP plan has now been completed and is with the State in its review process.	3. Ongoing
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4. Class V License	I am now looking into ways to fund our fire based ambulance for the future of the department.	
5. Public safety Day	Hamilton Police and Fire held our annual public safety day on September 10th, it was a huge success.	
6. 9/11/2001 annual remembrance service NEVER FORGET!		



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Planning & Inspectional Services			
1. Master Plan	1. Phase 1 of the project (data collection on existing conditions) has been largely finished. Phase II will start back up in roughly a month with a consultant focusing on public engagement, committee facilitation and a collective future vision. Open Committee meetings will be once a month and public engagement events scheduled. A website has been created (www.hamiltonmasterplan.com) which included project materials, report documentation, engagement and other items. An electronic survey form is available to obtain public input.	1 Project to be completed approximately March 1, 2023	1. On-going
2. 133 Essex Street, Senior Housing Special Permit Application	2. 133 Essex Street still before the Planning Board. Public hearing was closed July 26 - Board deliberation began Aug 16 and continues.	2 On-going	2. On-going
3. 421 Asbury St - 40b	3. 421 Asbury St. 40B Project - Formal submission to the ZBA has occurred for this 45 unit affordable housing project. The hearings process began April 6 with the ZBA. Active project review has begun - traffic review occurred Aug. 3, 2022 with infrastructural review beginning Sep.7 Septic system was not included and is anticipated in a subsequent meeting.	3 Spring 2022	3. On-going
4. Planning Board consideration of zoning amendments	<ol> <li>GCTS campus and other areas to be considered for zoning amendments. Modifications to stormwater management bylaw likely Spring 2023.</li> </ol>	4. Fall 2022 /Spring 2023	4. On-going
5. Inspectional Services	<ol> <li>59-63 Willow St- a 54.6 KW Solar Array will be added to the roof at 59-63 Willow Street Project.</li> <li>36 building permits have been issued to date in April.</li> <li>The online permitting system is getting closer to being a reality.</li> </ol>	5. To request occupancy permit mid May. Commercial space to be followed afterward.	

	meeting wit regarding tl	cipating a pre-construction th Habitat for Humanity ne upcoming project at 434-436 eet (5 duplexes).		
Public Health Department 1. COVID 2. Staffing	regard to st data sugges although an We have or through the awaiting de aprox. 450 t Vaccine clin	bliance is winding down with ate regulations and wastewater ts a decline in numbers other serge is anticipated redered 2100 additional test kits e free test kit program and are livery. We currently have test kit in stock for distribution nics are on-going every other and Saturday.	On-going	
3 Food/Pools/Camps Permitting and Inspection 5 Septic	<ul> <li>administrat</li> <li>3. The permittin attending ev</li> <li>4. Round 1 of 1 is almost co commence s</li> </ul>	more hours for the ive assistant ng of food trucks and vendors vents in town is on-going. food establishment inspection omplete and round 2 will soon in accordance with of the 2013 food code	Work performed since last meeting	
6. Animals	designs and 4 septic plat	4 soil tests for new septic 1 3 septic inspections, reviewed n application ook is complete and filed with		
7. Avian Flu	7. Several cas in the comm	es of EEE have been reported nonwealth.		

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7. STM Preparations	7. Working with Town Manager, Town Counsel, Town Clerk and various boards to ensure STM Warrant and all articles are completed as needed on time. Update - warrant language 99% complete; FinCom book of recs nearly done pending final vote Thursday 9/8; send to printers 9/9.	7. Work in progress; to be completed during August (roughly)
8. Director of Assessor Position (Shared with Wenham)	8. New Assessors has been hired and started on Tuesday 9/6. Todd Laramie, formerly the Chief Assessor in Amesbury, now leading the Hamilton-Wenham shared assessing operation.	8. Hired/ Started
9.Interim Town Accountant	8. An Interim Town Accountant has been appointed following the resignation of Assistant Finance Director/Town Accountant who left for another municipal opportunity. Interim is a retired municipal Auditor/Accountant who brings over 30 yeras of professional experience to the role. I am confident she will help us until we have a permanent hire in place. Position posting is imminent, hopefully a hire within the next 5-6 weeks.	9.
Treasurer/Collector		
1 Tax Title 2 Billing	<ul> <li>1Sending out small balance account letters in preparation of FY22 Tax Title letters .</li> <li>Letters are due 9/22/22. Preparing subsequent this week to move forward with tax title process</li> <li>2. Working on FY23 Real Estate and Personal Property tax 2nd quarter billing files in preparation of mailing out quarterly bills.</li> <li>File was sent to Kelly &amp; Ryan this week and samples have been approved. Bill will be mailed 9/28/22.</li> </ul>	
3 Tailing	<ul><li>Jeticia is processing all water payment so Gail can prepare water demand bills</li><li>Also working with Finance and Munis preparing for</li></ul>	
v ··· 0	<ul> <li>our software update.</li> <li>3. One of our bigger upcoming projects will be our tailings account process for the Towns A/P account.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>Started the tailing process this week. Reviewing old checks and will be reaching out to departments for some help.</li> <li>Mailed out our first round of tailings letters.</li> <li>Will begin the process of voiding and reissuing Receiving responses from our letters. Leticia has started re-issuing checks.</li> <li>Have asked Sean to help. Have not received back any letters for Rec Refunds. There were quite a few of those due to Covid.</li> <li>Going to mail out second letter so little response want to reach out once more</li> </ul>	
4 Benefits	<ul> <li>4. Transitioning Benefits has also been a big project in our office. Sue is slowly taking over this role from Finance.</li> <li>Sue is moving forward with the benefit side of payroll. Working with Dyan on paying the insurance bills for the Town. Would like that to be part of Sue's monthly routine of paying payroll vendors.</li> <li>Transitions of benefits is still a work in progress but I think Sue is making great progress with talking over benefits.</li> <li>Organizing upcoming Benefits Fair.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Sue has made great progress with benefits and has done a great job organizing herself for the transition. Unfortunately the Benefits Fair has been canceled. I was hoping Sue would have time with our vendors.</li> <li>Sue scheduled a visit from Empower to go over 457-B plan service and to meet our new representative. Also scheduling individual meetings for employees.</li> <li>I think the visit from empower was well received by employees. Sue did a great job setting that up.</li> <li>Sue is working on taking over retiree's. That is the final step of moving benefits to our offlice</li> </ul>	
5 Payroll	<ul> <li>5. Sue working to finalize year end accrual and verifying FY23 balances are accruing correctly.</li> <li>6. Working on FY2022 Annual Report for Continuing Disclosure.</li> </ul>	

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6.Annual Report	Due July 14th - completed	
	Preparing for the BAN sale and paying off FY22 Ban sale. Paperwork to be signed tonight at the select board meeting. I will email signatures tomorrow and overnight to Locke & Lordcompleted	
7 Misc	<ul> <li>7. Starting to try and clean up old files downstairs when we have a spare few moments.</li> <li>Storage is getting over run. Going to see if we can downsize some of our records that are permanent. Going to reach out to Records Management for advice.</li> </ul>	
	Leticia has written to the state about disposal of old files trying to make room downstairs. We are also speaking to Tim on how to dispose of this records. Received approval from State now need to see how we can dispose of.	
	<ul> <li>Still working with Invoice Cloud to see if they are a better option for our on-line bill pay system. Invited a few departments who use on-line bill pay to participate in a zoom call to see how it could work for their departments. Hoping to make a decision when Alex gets back from vacation.</li> <li>Putting Invoice Cloud off to time with our munis upgrade. Hoping for a smoother</li> </ul>	
	transition. Meeting with Bartholomew this week for annual review of OPEB, Stabilization, and Trust Funds. Review of Town investments went well. I have a copy of FY22 figures if anyone would like to review our investments.	
8 Audit	8. Starting to prepare for the Audit will be working on gathering the information they have requested they would like by August 26th Auditors took up a lot of our office time this week .	
	Also had the Worker's Comp Auditor this week. Finalizing audit information and preparing to report FY22 figures to Gateway.	
Assessors		

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СОА	1a Continue to offer Dementia Friends Training once a month in collaboration with Wenham COA.	1a. On-going
1 Programs	<ul><li>1b Lunch trips are on hold until the Fall. We have a trip coming up to the Cape Ann Museum which is a pilot trip.</li><li>Met with Best of Times and planned two trips for the end of the year. One to Newport Mansions at Christmas time and one to see a cover of Cher at Danversport. Trip flyers have been printed-signup sheets are ready to go.</li></ul>	1b.Fall
	<ul> <li>1c. Health &amp; Wellness Fair is planned for October</li> <li>4th. We are working with Wenham to plan this.</li> <li>Currently we have 12 vendors signed up for the</li> <li>fair. Will start advertising it next week.</li> <li>1d. Upcoming programs: Pumpkin decorating</li> <li>(pumpkins donated by the Sheriff's Department)</li> <li>Halloween Party, World Gratitude Day, Albie Sing</li> <li>Along, National Dessert Day.</li> <li>1E. Open Enrollment for Medicare is October</li> <li>15th-December 7th we have already had people</li> <li>calling to make appointments.</li> </ul>	1c. October
2 Grants	2a. Formula Grant contracts has been released by the State, funding should follow shortly. We also received word that we had received the Cultural Council funding to cover the Down River Cruise. Cruise date for the Cultural Council has been booked for September 12th. Paperwork has been turned in to the Cultural Council. Trip is completely booked with a waiting list.	2a. March & ongoing.
3 Volunteers	3a. 100 cups of coffee has brought up 2 new volunteers already. Hoping to find more volunteer opportunities for them in the center and in the community. Three board members have been appointed.	3a. Ongoing
	3b. Friends has officially filed a 501c3 status. They can start fundraising asap. Have started planning a Fall fundraising event.	3b. Ongoing. -Fall
4 Newsletter	4a. Our newsletter will be transitioning to a new company starting in November. We will also look at combining forces with Wenham. Contract has been signed-we are officially partnering with Wenham. We have started to meet with the	4a. November

	marketing team for ads. We will meet with the		
	publishing team for our outline.		
	Patton Park		
Parks & Recreation			
1. Fall Programming	Fall programs are now underway. We are running close to 30 programs this Fall. Programs will run until after Thanksgiving when our Winter Programs registration will begin.	.1	1. On-going
2. Movie Night at the Homestead	We are co-sponsoring movie night at the Homestead. The first movie will be this Saturday.	2. On-going	2. On-going
3. Gym Floor Refurbish	The Gymnasium floor was refurbished last week. The gym was closed for a short period but it back open now.	3. On going	3. On going
4. Pumpkin Fest/Trunk or Treat	We are starting to take registrations for the participants who are interested in hosting a vehicle for our trunk or treat event at Pumpkin Fest.		
5. Patton Park Master Plan	Tim Olson and I hosted a site walk of Patton Park with firms interested in submitting a response to our RFQ. We will be releasing further information soon after the response deadline.		

Human Resources	1 Current Openings:		
<ol> <li>Openings</li> <li>Evaluations</li> <li>New Location</li> <li>Employee Appreciation</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Current Openings:         <ul> <li>Public Health Nurse</li> <li>Minute taker (Pending review of budget)</li> <li>Heavy Equipment Operator</li> <li>Town Accountant</li> <li>Water Division</li> </ul> </li> <li>Evaluations: Admin 2019 - 2022 Labor Union Evaluations for all full-time and part-time members. Work with the Town Manager and Finance Director to review the suggested format from the membership before rolling anything out to department heads and employees. Evaluation forms and job descriptions have been sent to all Department Heads.</li> <li>The Human Resources office can be found with the new Health and Human Services Department located on the second floor of the Hamilton Council on Aging building at 299 Bay Road.</li> <li>Planning an employee appreciation/engagement event to take place early fall.</li> <li>Reorganization and internal compliance audit of Personnell Files.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>1.1. Water recruitment starting on 9/20/2022.</li> <li>1.2Recruitment for Town Accountantant staring on 9/12/2022.</li> <li>1.3Recruitment for Town Accountant starting on September 6.</li> <li>2. Currently drafting a guidelines book - Expect to send to Department Heads by the first week of September. Meeting held on 9/14/2022 to review evaluation forms and expectations. Forms due on 9/30/2022.</li> </ul>	

Town Clerk's Office			
2 - 2022 Conflict of Interest Annual Filings	<b>2</b> - Decided to postpone sending to elected and appointed Boards and Committees until after the reappointments in June.	January - Sept	In process
3 - 2023 Census Forms and Voter Registration data maintenance; STREET LIST	Census forms = proof of residency = eligibility to vote. I have placed the order form for the 2023 Census mailing envelopes because there is a backlog of paper and envelope orders. Our 2024 census will be mailed Dec 19 along with Dog License renewal forms and the 2023 trash schedule.		Ongoing
4 - 2022 Dog License Renewals	4 - Over 1200 licenses issued 2021; renewal form sent with Census Forms 1111 have been issued along with 4 kennel licenses (more than four dogs). Had an unannounced visit from state Dept of Agriculture re Animal Intake forms that are to be on file in the Clerk's Office; we have not been doing that; will work with ACO to get up to date. Anne attended a meeting to receive more details about the Animal Licensing Laws in MA.	Aug - Dec	
5 - DBA	65- "Doing Business As" renewals due every 4 years; approx 63 to be renewed 2022. Very good response to Anne's letter reminding folks to renew. So far 19 NEW this year; 19 renewals.	January - December	Several more expected
7 - 2022 State Election	7 - Primary Election Summary: Turnout was 1505 voters or 26.85%; 87 voters voted early; 710 voted by mail; 708 voted at the polls. Surprisingly, <b>of the</b> <b>1050 ballots mailed to voters, 30% (293)</b> <b>were never returned</b> . Our final vote totals were certified and sent to the Secretary of State's Office.		

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	Final results are posted to the Town website. (FYI, the turnout for the 2020 State Primary was 40%.)		
	<b>Early Voting for the Nov 8 State Election</b> <b>begins Saturday, Oct 22</b> and runs for two weeks. The first week of early voting is reduced hours and the second week is regular "business hours." All hours are posted on the Clerk's webpage.		
	We have been receiving emails demanding that we NOT destroy any 2020 election documents despite the 22 month record retention law that allows us to destroy records as of early Sept. The Sec of State advised us to contact Town Counsel. After consulting with Town Counsel I scheduled record destruction last week. See the Sept 19 Boston Globe article regarding this issue.		
Oct 1 Special Town Meeting	Scheduling poll workers for check in. Preparing drafts of all documents that have to be filed or sent to the state after Town Meeting.		
MA Town Clerks	Carin will be attending the MA Town Clerks Association Conference in Springfield Sept 21 - 23 and will attend workshops on the State Election, State Ethics compliance, Vital Record processing, and 2023 Census processing		
Patton Homestead 1 Event/Programing	1. Ongoing outreach is being done to coordinate workshops	1 - on-going	1 June and on-going
	Reached out to the director of the MAPC arts and culture division re: artist residency - gaining more info.		
	Portable restroom is onsite and the Town has maintained the facility on-site for the duration of the summer. Access will continue into the Fall for public programming.	on-going	
	Fall Music Festival confirmed for 9/22 - 10/13, repeating on Thursday evenings. -Line-up confirmed.	9/22-10/13 * Planning on-going	







Several promising interested parties to help move the Stables into activation. In Progress Study Group held 9/13 - decided to present findings to board in October	9/2, 9/9 complete 9/23, 10/7
	7/ 20, 10/ /
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