



A Message from your Town Administrator

April 2018

Spring has sprung, and with it we have had many changes! I offer sincere congratulations to newly appointed Board of Selectmen Chairman Brett Zografos. Selectman Zografos was voted in as Chairman at the meeting of April 11. And congratulations to Selectman Nancy Goulart who was reelected to the Board on April 7. I look forward to working with both this coming year. As many of you may already be aware, Jack Taylor resigned from his post as Selectman on April 18, 2018. I thank him for his service over the short time we worked together and wish him well in his future endeavors. This leaves a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen and the likelihood of a Special Election to be held in late June to fill the unexpired term.

The Building Department, Veterans Services Agent, Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission are now located at Old Town Hall, 1111 Somerset Avenue. The main entrance to these departments is in the rear of the building. The Town is still refinishing the meeting space on the second floor. We are eager to unveil it to the public. The roof, which did sustain damage during the Nor'easter on March 2, will be repaired. We have solicited written quotations which are due April 25.

If you have been following along with the Selectmen's Meetings, you know that budgets have dominated our discussions. We are in full swing in setting forth a Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the Town. The Finance Committee has held a kick off meeting and will begin hearing presentations from departments the week of April 23. The Finance Committee will ultimately provide budget recommendations to the Town at Town Meeting on June 4 for a vote. While we navigate those lengthy conversations, we are also doing some administrative spring cleaning of our own by updating old policies, procuring supplies and services, and gearing up for the new year.

This month's Big Cheese Trophy was given to Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry. This award goes out to Department Heads who take small actions that make a big difference. Mr. Ferry has successfully coordinated hosting a chainsaw certification and safety class, which the members of his department take routinely to ensure safe operations. By hosting, the department receives complimentary training and, because the training is conducted practically, the Town receives necessary maintenance of trees that need trimming or to be removed. A simple act of offering to host, saves the Town money and resources. I thank Mr. Ferry for thinking in the best interest of the Town and am happy to recognize him for this and his many other efforts that contribute to the betterment of the community.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday June 4. Warrant articles to come before the voters range from purchasing articles to by law changes, including extending the medical overlay over a portion of Williams Street. This issue is currently before the Planning Board for discussion. I hope to see you at Town Meeting this year!

Sincerely,

Mallory Aronstein
Town Administrator