



A Message from your Town Administrator

March has certainly come in like a lion this year. We have weathered our fair share of wet and snowy storms. I'd like to take a minute to send some well-earned kudos to the Highway, Fire, Police and Dispatch departments as well as National Grid and TMLP for their response over these last few weeks of challenging storms. Thanks for all you do!

The Town was not without damage from the Nor'easter on March 2 - the roof on Old Town Hall, set to open up for business this month, was damaged and has further delayed that project. We are working to fix the roof and get renovations back on schedule. We are all very eager for that building to be up and operational.

This month we have welcomed three new employees. Kerry Easterday has joined the Planning Board as the Office Manager; and James McGovern and Michael Marshall are our two newest Police Officers. Welcome aboard! And if you happen to see Firefighters Alex Greene or Matt Silva, as well as Deputy Chief Steve Pontes, and Lieutenant Chris Ready, wish them luck as they step up for the Fight for Air Climb on March 24 in Providence. These four individuals will climb 22 stories in full gear and SCBA equipment to raise funds and awareness for the American Lung Association.

This month we took a peek at a long-plagued intersection: Tremont Street and Old Somerset Ave. You may notice some new signage put in place to help warn drivers of the required stop as drivers approach the end of Tremont Street. The Town has also requested technical assistance from SRPEDD for recommendations on improvements to the intersection, ranging from low-cost to complete redesign. We look forward to their study and are thankful that it comes at no cost to the Town. SRPEDD is assisting the Town in a variety of endeavors in addition to this study. These include an Open Space and Recreation Plan, funded through grants from the state's Community Compact and District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) programs, and a Housing Production Plan, also funded through the DLTA program. SRPEDD is vital to our Town's progression.

The highlight of my month was joining Library Director Jocelyn Tavares to the State House for the public library community's Legislative Lobby Day. We were able to sit with Representative Patricia Haddad and discuss our need for increased funding for library services and specifically Dighton's need for a bigger library. Rep. Haddad has graciously agreed to visit us here in Dighton and will be making her trip in May. We can't wait to visit with her again!

This month at our Department Head meeting, I unveiled my "Big Cheese Trophy", which is to be awarded each month to a Department Head in recognition of their taking small actions that make a big impact. I was lucky enough to have a long list of contenders for this award, but I ultimately chose Fire Chief Chris Maguy who has worked tirelessly since his appointment in October to pull his department together and make changes that increase efficiency and ensure safety, all while being fiscally prudent. Congratulations to Chief Maguy!

Lastly, please save these important dates in your calendars:

April 7, Annual Town Election; June 4, Annual Town Meeting

Sincerely,
Mallory Aronstein
Town Administrator

