



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

Est. 1832

Office of the Town Administrator
350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Passing of former Town Administrator John McAuliffe on August 13th after a battle with cancer.
- Early voting now through Friday during regular business hours
- August 26th last day to apply for absentee ballot
- Primary election Tuesday, September 1st. Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Offices closed on September 7th for Labor Day
- State-mandated water conservation measures in place. No sprinklers during day-time hours.

1. Public Health and Safety

- a. Police: Interviewed a lateral transfer from Wilbraham and have offered the candidate a job.
- b. BOH: Coronavirus—one last week in Town.

2. Financially Responsible

- a. Developing spending plan for \$1.5 Million in CARES Act funds
- b. School Committee voted to start school year 100% remotely. Have had weekly meetings with the School Business Manager.
- c. Tax foreclosure auction held on August 12th \$569,500 was collected.

3. Economic Development

- a. Completed East Main Street Sidewalks. Planters have been ordered from the Mass Corrections facility. Will not receive before winter.
 - i. Applying for additional funds to complete from Walgreens to Cody Ave.
- b. In connection with the East Main Sidewalks, added landscaping in front of Honey Dew Donuts.
- c. Developing dog park on High Street. Brush removal will begin in a couple of weeks.
- d. Exploring creating a Webster cable studio in a vacant storefront downtown.
- e. Spoke with three different parties interested in opening a storefront in our downtown.

4. Maintain Infrastructure

- a. Lake Parkway/Klebart Ave project vegetation clearing on going. Road work to begin shortly.

- b. Memorial Beach—project approved by Conservation. Bidding within a month.
 - c. Municipal lot behind Mapfre reconstruction to be completed in September.
 - d. Obtaining quotes for Ray Street athletic field bleachers demo and replacement.
 - e. National Grid is upgrading the gas lines along South Main. The road will be repaved when the project is complete.
 - f. Reroofed the gazebo at Town Hall.
 - g. Received \$55,000 in grant funding for Town Hall roof repairs. Full projects is \$650,000.
5. Effective Delivery of Services/Operations
- a. Reinvigorating our nuisance property and economic development taskforces. Did not meet as often during the pandemic, but not meeting on a regular basis.
 - b. Library open for in-person browsing. Slow but steady number of patrons. No significant issues
 - c. Senior Center employees have been redeployed on a part-time basis to assist with voter registration and early voting.
6. Transparent, Open and Friendly government
- a. Decentralized and following up to make sure minutes are being posted timely