



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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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