
REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

TO: SELECT BOARD
FROM: JACQUI BEEBE, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER REPORT
DATE: JULY 22, 2024



FOLLOW-UP

- **Dangerous Dog Hearing Update:** The District Court has upheld the Select Board's decision to issue a Dangerous Dog Order for Richard Moore. Pursuant to Uniform Magistrate Rule 5, the Petitioner (Mr. Moore) has until Monday, July 22, 2024, to file a request for a subsequent *de novo* hearing. There are also two outstanding motions filed by Mr. Moore's attorney and Town Counsel that have not been acted upon by the Court. Mr. Moore has filed an Emergency Motion to Stay the Town's decision and the Town has opposed that motion and filed a Cross-Motion for Injunctive Relief. Town Counsel recommends waiting until after the 22nd to see if an appeal is filed before scheduling any hearing on the motions.
- **Special Legislation:**
 - **House 4012 , the Conservation Restriction on District H Land,** is with Senate Counsel and hopefully will be released for a vote this session, and
 - **H2097, the special legislation to establish a Community Fund** has been signed by the Governor!

PROJECT/ SCHEDULING UPDATES

Annual Project Update Workshop and Goal Setting

- We are placing a **town project update (workshop) on the August 19th agenda**, and follow-up with **Select Board goal setting on the September 23d meeting agenda**. This way, the Board can set goals for 24/25 after a review of the new Strategic Plan, and status update of all current projects.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Eastham Wastewater Project

- The Town has received a certificate from the Secretary Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, which approves our Environmental Impact Report (EIR). They have determined that it "adequately and properly complies with MEPA and its implementing

regulations.” This marks the first deadline in our wastewater permitting journey and we have the best news possible, as they have determined that we need not take any further steps.

- The next deadline is the submission of a **Project Evaluation Form (PEF) to the DEP/SRF on July 26**. This is the first step in the SRF Revolving Loan process and allows the project to be ranked for inclusion in the MA DEP’s Intended Use Plan for Clean Water Projects. Listing on the 2025 IUP, qualifies the town for SRF loans and subsidy by the Cape and Islands Water Protection Collaborative, which will provide a grant of 25% of the funding requested for the total project. We must rank in the highest category for the PEF to be granted 0% interest on our wastewater loans.
- If Eastham is placed on the 2025 IUP, we will have to have an appropriation of project cost by June 30, 2025, (Town Meeting Vote), submit our application for financing by October 15, 2025, and begin construction by June 30, 2026.

Town Hall Exterior Renovation

- The final punch list items are being completed and the project will be final this week Town staff will have to take over irrigation of landscaping, but otherwise all work is completed, and we will be closing out this contract.

HR UPDATES

- We are advertising the **Deputy Chief (Fire) position, FF/Paramedic and Patrol Officer (police) positions.**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Library

- **144 youth signed up for our Summer Reading Program** (sponsored by the Friends of the Eastham Library). We have tons of fabulous prizes, and our end of Summer Reading party will be Saturday, August 17th.
- **This is our first summer being open on Mondays** and we are pleased at the public reception. Our door count tracks about 200 folks walking through our front doors between 12-4 pm each Monday this summer. We are grateful to have such a strong core staff and such helpful part-time folks to help us with the increased foot traffic in our building during the summer season.

Council on Aging/Senior Center

- **The COA has received an additional grant from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA) to fund a new program, “Ride Connect”** . The program will collaborate with other service providers, such as Helping Our Women and Alzheimer’s Family Support to enhance and coordinate local transportation options. The grant specifically targets frail elders, prioritizing those with the greatest economic and social needs.

Police

- We will be hosting our 3rd annual summer camp called "Patrol Pals" August 12-16. For this kids camp we will host 15-20 children, ages 7-12, at our station for a week in August. The

camp runs from 9am-12pm each day and is run by EPD officers in partnership with the Recreation Department. We go over age-appropriate aspects of policing and also do bike safety and games with the kids. On Friday, the final day, we host the State Police helicopter on the fields (weather dependent) and have a cookout for lunch with the kids and their families. I can provide more info if you would like and would welcome any of the select board members to stop by and check it out!

REGIONAL ITEMS/ Information in Packet

(MassDEP) denied the permit modification sought by Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, to discharge up to 1.1 million gallons of industrial wastewater from the former Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. Cape Cod Bay is a protected ocean sanctuary as defined under the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which prohibits the dumping or discharge of industrial waste into protected state waters. This is their final determination.

A coalition of local non-profits, business owners, residents launch the "**FIX CAPE INTERNET CHALLENGE**" to document issues with slow, unreliable, and expensive internet access. to Massachusetts regulators and demand accountability, fair representation, and most of all, the necessary resources. Visit **FixCapeInternet.com** to take the necessary speed tests and contribute your data to give Massachusetts a clearer picture of the Cape's strained connectivity.