

Town Administrator Report November 7, 2023

CyberSecurity Awareness training

As you recall, the Town received a cybersecurity awareness grant from the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security. Staff are currently being asked to complete assignments and trainings.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Volunteer Appreciation Night has been scheduled for Friday, December 1 at 6:30 PM. All volunteers are encouraged to attend and to nominate fellow volunteers deserving of special recognition.

Bandstand renovation

The project to renovate the bandstand on Town Common started today. They have started with the work to replace the stairs and railings. The base of the bandstand and portions of the floor are also planned to be completed this week. By end of week or early next week they expect to have the roof replacement work set to begin.

Making a Difference Program

The start of the new month brings another opportunity for employees and volunteers to recognize the good work being performed in Town. The deadline to nominate someone to be recognized for Making a Difference in Dunstable is this Friday, November 10.

Town Administrator Coffee

I'm holding the second coffee with the Town Administrator next week on Thursday, November 16 at 10 AM at Farmhouse Café. Once again, I'll be buying coffee for anyone who attends and will be open to talk about any issues on residents' minds.

MIIA Grant

The Town received a \$1,600 wellness grant to support the Making a Difference Program. The grant will go towards supporting the purchase of gifts (t-shirts, water bottles, hats) for all those who are recognized through the program.

\$42,000 Regional Earmark

As you may remember, there was a regional earmark secured for the towns of Dunstable, Groton, and Pepperell for transportation improvements. We've been working with NMCOG, Pepperell, Groton, and have also been in touch with National Grid and the Governor's Office to discuss the possibility of utilizing this funding to install electric vehicle charging stations. There have been good conversations thus far, and I'll be sure to keep you up-to-date as things progress.

Dog Licenses

The new Temporary Town Clerk has worked to establish a new dog license database, which is the same database she uses in the Town of Pepperell, which will help improve the tracking of dog licenses, and also is working with Unibank to allow for dog licenses payments to be made online.

Dropbox for Town Hall

We have ordered and received a new, secure dropbox for Town Hall which will allow residents to drop off payments safely and securely during Town Hall off-hours, in an effort to make it more convenient to conduct business with the Town.