

# Town Manager Report


Town of Lunenburg- December 15, 2020





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## Announcement on Existing Vacancies:

The following is a list of vacancies on the following committees:

- Architectural Preservation District Commission (1 vacancy)
- Cultural Council (1 vacancy)
- Historical Commission (1 vacancy)
- TCP Building Design Committee (1 vacancy appointed by Select Board and Town Moderator for member at large)
- Zoning Board of Appeals ( 1 Associate vacancy)

Interested persons can find application forms on the Town Website and completed forms can be sent to the Select Board's Office.

## 925 Mass Ave (TM Goal #1):

I received notification from MassDevelopment that we did not receive funding for the grant application I submitted in September through the Brownfields Redevelopment Funding program. I spoke with MassDevelopment about the process for resubmitting an application and they are very interested in this site as a project but we are not yet at a point that we are eligible for funding. I will continue to work with MassDevelopment and submit an application again in concert with their guidance.

## FY 2021 State Budget Update:

The Governor signed the FY2021 budget on Friday, December 11th and the Division of Local Services will be sending out the Cherry Sheets by this Thursday. We were notified by Representative Sena's Office that Lunenburg was the recipient of one earmark for \$25,000 towards upgrading the Fire Alarm System at the Primary School. As you may recall, \$100,000 for a fire alarm upgrade at the Primary School was included in a Bond Bill of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020.

## Disposition of Parcel of 7 of 671 West Street:

As discussed and agreed upon by the Board, our office proceeded to put out to bid parcel 7 of the town owned land at 671 West Street. This was advertised in the local newspaper and the person that originally inquired about purchasing the land and the other direct abutter to this parcel were notified that it was out to bid. Today was the due date for bids and we did not receive any bids. Due to the lack of response from the original party that inquired about purchasing the property we will not proceed any further.

## Meetings, Events and Other Announcements:

- The School Committee has a meeting through Zoom on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- The Conservation Commission has a meeting through Zoom on Wednesday, December 16th at 7 p.m.
- The APDC has a meeting through Zoom on Wednesday, December 16th at 7 p.m.
- The TCP Building Design Committee has a meeting through Zoom on Thursday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Library Board of Trustees has a meeting through Zoom on Thursday, December 17th at 6:45 p.m.
- The Historical Commission has a meeting through Zoom on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

## Purchase of Streetlights from Unitil:

We have received an updated value of the street lighting assets from Unitil as of November 30, 2020. The value is \$89,161.56. Unitil relayed that this value will change (up or down) until the transfer of title on the assets has been recorded and there will be a "trueing up" of the final cost after the transfer, which could take an additional 60 to 120 days. If the town owes Unitil for any additional cost Unitil will bill the town. If the town is due a credit, Unitil will then issue the town a check for the difference. As part of the next step of the process, I have provided Unitil with our legal counsel's contact information so that Unitil's legal counsel can communicate directly regarding necessary documentation.



