

# Town Manager Report


Town of Lunenburg-February 19, 2019





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## Town Facilities (TM Goal #2, Action ii)

Rental of Space at the TC Passios: Superintendent Burnham and I met to discuss the possible use of four classrooms at the TC Passios for the Extended Day and Early Childhood Learning programs and how this would also provide a supplemental funding resource for the operational costs of that building. One of the classrooms would be used during the day for the preschool age program, which is currently housed at the Primary, and all four classrooms would be used before and after school. There will be further updates as Superintendent Burnham and I continue our discussions on this possible transition.

## Finance Committee Budget Hearing Schedule

## Business Brochure (TM Goal #3, Action ii)

The digitized version of the Business Brochure is now up on our website under the Business heading on the main menu on the homepage listed as "Explore Lunenburg Brochure".

# Planning Board Public Hearing

## When

Monday, Feb. 25th, 6:30pm

## Where

Town Hall, Joseph Bilotta Meeting Room,  
17 Main Street, Lunenburg

## More information

The Lunenburg Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 25, 2019, 6:35 PM, Joseph Bilotta Meeting Room, Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462 to make alterations to Code of the Town of Lunenburg, MA, Chapter 250: Zoning, (i) Article IV, 4.1.G. Use Table by adding Non-Medical Marijuana Uses; (ii) adding 4.1.O. Non-Medical Marijuana Uses; (iii) delete 4.15., Temporary Moratorium on Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana; (iv) create new 4.15. Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments. Copies are on file in the Planning Office, 960 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA.

## Attendance at Meetings, Other Announcements, etc

Town Counsel Office Hours: Town Counsel will hold office hours on Monday, February 25th from 8 a.m. until noon.

### Vacancies:

The following paid positions are currently posted:

- Building Commissioner
- Local Inspector

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

- Agricultural Commission ( 1 regular member, 2 alternate member vacancies)
- Architectural Preservation District Commission (1 vacancy for a design professional/craftsperson)
- Planning Board (1 regular member- jointly appointed until 2019 ATE)
- Cultural Council (multiple vacancies)
- Green Communities Task Force (1 vacancy-Citizen at Large position)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (2 Associate vacancies)

# Citizen's Town Caucus

## When

Monday, March 11th, 7pm

## Where

129 Northfield Road Lunenburg, MA

## More information

Public Announcement from the Town Clerk about the Citizens Party Caucus, Town Census, and Dog Licenses:

In anticipation of the Annual Town Election on Saturday, May 18, 2019, the Citizens Party Caucus will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Turkey Hill Elementary School, 129 Northfield Road at 7:00 P.M.

Anyone interested in running for office should attend the Caucus, and if nominated, will be placed on the ballot.

Those who are not nominated that evening may pick up nomination papers from the Town Clerk's Office.

Those papers must be returned to the Town Clerk with a minimum of 50 valid voter signatures on or before Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 4:00 P.M.

See list of offices to be filled below.

Your Annual Town Census should have been returned to the Town Clerk by now; if you did not receive a Census form please contact the Town Clerk at 978-582-4130 or stop by the office at 17 Main Street and fill one out there.

2019 CITIZENS PARTY CAUCUS

OFFICE TO BE FILLED TERM

SELECTMAN (2) FOR 3 YEARS

CONSTABLE FOR 3 YEARS

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEARS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER FOR 3 YEARS

ASSESSOR FOR 3 YEARS

SEWER COMMISSIONER (2) FOR 3 YEARS

SCHOOL COMM. MEMBER (2) FOR 3 YEARS

PARK COMMISSIONER FOR 3 YEARS

PARK COMMISSIONER FOR 1 YEAR

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 3 YEARS

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR 3 YEARS

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2) FOR 3 YEARS

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR 5 YEARS

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR 2 YEARS

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBER FOR 5 YEARS

## Recycling and the Contract with Casella

At the December 18th meeting the Board had authorized me to negotiate the price for recycling with the goal of not affecting the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Casella agreed to \$50/ton for recycling that

would go into effect on July 1, 2019. I also asked and it was agreed that there would be language in the amended contract that if the market changes, as DEP is saying they believe it will, that it reverts back to our original terms. Town Counsel has been asked to draft the Amendment to the existing contract with these terms.

## Pay As You Throw Bags

As a follow-up to the December 18th meeting, during the discussion about recycling, a question was asked about the cost of the PAYT bags and if there would be an increase. I had stated that we would be increasing the cost of the bags as the costs of the bags from our bag vendor would be increasing and the cost of trash disposal will be increasing up to 3% based on the Consumer Price Index for the Boston-Brockton-Nashua area. This will be a future agenda item to announce the increase in bags fees, which will be only increased enough to offset the increase in the contract price.

## 174 Northfield Road Rear

Deborah St. Vrain, the citizen petitioner of Article 23 at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting, has provided materials based on a title search performed on 174 Northfield Road Rear. The research indicates that 174 Northfield Rear is owned by whomever is entitled to the assets of Hickory Hills Lake Corporation, which was involuntarily dissolved in October of 1983. have passed these materials onto Town Counsel and their office is going to review and provide a recommendation.

## Lunenburg's Municipal Aggregation Program- Notice of Mailing

Lunenburg residents who are new in town, residents who have ended a third electricity supply contract or who have switched back to Basic Service were mailed a notification letter from the Town's power supply program, Colonial Power Group, to enroll them in the Town's Municipal Aggregation Program and an opt-out card for those that do not wish to enroll. The mailing informs residents about the Town's Program, shows them the savings over Basic Service and allows them a 30-day opt-out period before being automatically enrolled. A public notice about the program is on the town's website under News & Announcements.

## Other Electricity Announcements:

Resident Cathy Clark passed along information about a search tool created by the Department of Public Utilities for MA residents to search for electricity suppliers in their area. The website is: <https://www.energyswitchma.gov>

Chris Clark from Nexamp confirmed that residents will be able to purchase power from their community solar project. For more information go to: <https://www.nexamp.com/what-we-do/community-solar>



# Public Hearing on MBTA Fare Proposal

## When

Wednesday, Feb. 27th, 6:30-8:30pm

## Where

State Transportation Building, MBTA  
Board Room, Second Floor, 10 Park Plaza,  
Boston, MA

## More information

The attached flyer highlights the MBTA Fare Proposal Public Hearing that is scheduled for February 27, 2019 and is open to all attendees from the public. The purpose of this hearing is for the MBTA to receive feedback from the public on the proposed fare increase prior to it being considered by the Fiscal and Management Control Board in March. The public is encouraged to attend. [https://www.lunenburgma.gov/sites/default/files/field/files-docs/2019\\_fare\\_proposal\\_publicmeeting\\_opt3.pdf](https://www.lunenburgma.gov/sites/default/files/field/files-docs/2019_fare_proposal_publicmeeting_opt3.pdf)

