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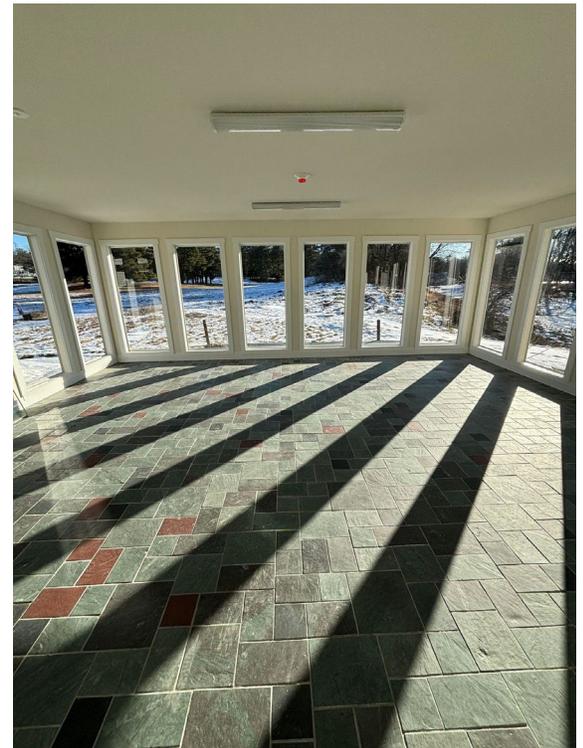
February 12, 2024

## Town Manager's Report

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to report the following updates from Town Hall and throughout Town:

- I am thrilled to share that Tyngsborough has once again been accepted in the Commonwealth's Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program. This is a fantastic program that we've participated in now at least two times prior to this one and that provides direct education to our workforce on common cybersecurity threats and incorporates realistic drills into the learning so that we're always on the top of our game.
- The Town Center Footbridge project is moving along nicely. Last week, they installed the foundations for the observation decks and are looking to construct the deck this week. We also cleared a major hurdle with MassDOT last week. Tighe and Bond is still working to re-design the bridge abutment foundations because their original design failed.
- Big shout out to the Assistant Chief Sands and the Tyngsborough Fire Department on being awarded nearly \$19k from the Department of Fire Services through their Firefighter Equipment grant which will fund the replacement of radio communication devices for the department. The Fire Department does a great job every year taking advantage of various grant opportunities to supplement their operating budget and reduce future capital requests.
- Finance Director David Andrus & I met with our Bond Agency last week to review the Middle School borrowing and discuss plans for the final, permanent bond. We are thrilled to report that we have several options and are on track to not experience the first impact in terms of payments on the bond until Fiscal Year 2026. They're working on putting together a couple different models for our review but a big factor of course in how we move forward will be interest rates. As more information becomes available we will share it with the Board.
- We've begun working with our Recreation Director Alison Page to plan for the future uses of the new clubhouse located on the donated parcel of land on Sherburne Ave. I joined her and Building Commissioner Paul Welcome on Tuesday last week to tour the facility and confirm it is ready for us to accept. There are a





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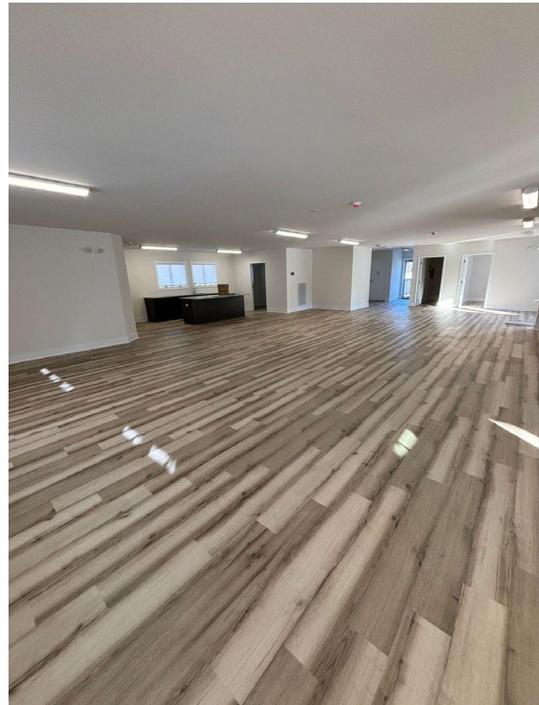
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handful of minor things on the exterior that will need to be addressed by Toll Brothers once the weather warms up and they are aware of that. Once the open space parcel is ready to accept, we'll prepare an agreement with Toll Brothers documenting that work so we have assurances it will be complete.



- As you are probably aware, we launched the new [tyngsboroughma.gov](https://tyngsboroughma.gov) today! The new site is looking fantastic and I can't say enough about the way that our IT Director Tom Laflamme took this project on and ran with it. It was a team effort on a lot of fronts but Tom gets all the credit for making this happen. We'll continue to update the site as we move along and appreciate folks' patience as we continue with this process. Additionally, we certainly welcome feedback and all suggestions can be directed to [tech@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:tech@tyngsboroughma.gov). Finally, you'll notice that the agenda and minutes will appear in different places than you're used to. We'll be working on some outreach in the coming weeks to help the residents get comfortable with the new site. As a note, if you were previously subscribed to any of our lists on the old website, you should have received an email today notifying you that were automatically resubscribed to those same lists on the new website. If you wish to modify that or sign up for new lists, you can do so by visiting the new website.
- Finally, a reminder that the Massachusetts Presidential Primary will take place on March 5, 2024. The deadline to register to vote is February 24th. You can learn more about where you vote, how to vote, and more by visiting [tyngsboroughma.gov](https://tyngsboroughma.gov)





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### Assistant Town Manager's Report

- As part of the development of our Regional Safety Action Plan, Greater Lowell Vision Zero, members of the public are encouraged to attend a virtual public forum on February 27th from 6-8pm. Our project consultant, WPS, will present our region's high-injury crashes and high-risk networks. Vision Zero plans to utilize a data-driven approach, emphasize equity, and present a shift from traditional transportation planning. The new strategy emphasizes a more human-centered approach that acknowledges that humans make mistakes and that we can make roads safer by improving design and planning for human error. For members of the public looking to participate in the virtual meeting, please register in advance: <https://bit.ly/GreaterLowellVZPF1>.
- In addition, we are encouraging members of the public to complete a survey that solicits feedback from the public on regional safety issues. The public can enter specific locations, add comments, and propose roadway improvements. Our consultant will use the data to inform project selection and propose roadway improvements. <https://bit.ly/GreaterLowellVZSurvey>

Regards,

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Town Manager

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