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Town Manager's Report

Dear Board Members:

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

General Updates

- Included in your packet this evening with correspondence is a letter addressed to the Board from a resident describing concerns about motor bikes and dirt bikes with a specific focus on Middlesex Road. The letter requests that the Town ban “motorbikes/dirt bikes” on Middlesex Road. I have had a conversation with Chief Woods about this and with Town Counsel. These types of recreational vehicles are already prohibited under current state law and the Tyngsborough Police Department already enforces that provision of law when possible. One significant challenge that we are seeing along with all of our neighbors is large groups of these vehicles which are hard to stop. Additionally, these types of vehicles can get away quickly and the officers who spot them have to balance the increased risk of a pursuit when deciding how to respond. Chief Woods is working with our neighboring police departments to develop a regional strategy to address this serious safety issue.
- Congratulations to the Tyngsborough residents who will graduate this year -- especially to the students of Tyngsborough High, Innovation Academy, the Academy of Notre Dame, and Greater Lowell Technical High School. I look forward to celebrating our Tyngsborough High graduates at the graduation ceremony on Friday evening.
- As many of you will know, National Grid has been in town for several weeks now working on their pruning and tree clearance plan to better prevent outages and storm damage. To date, they have approximately two weeks of work left on the east side of town for their pruning efforts. This work is largely concentrated in the Long Pond neighborhood. On the tree removal work, they are approximately ninety percent complete on the west side of town with a couple days left over here. On the east side, that work is approximately 60 percent complete. Again the design of this work is to eliminate trouble and/or dead trees to prevent future outages during storms.
- Just wanted to give a shout out and thank you to a local business, Royalty Masonry who kindly donated their time and labor to fix a damaged section of the Elementary School over the winter. The town provided the materials and Royalty Masonry kindly donated -- at their own suggestion -- their time to get the job done. Big thank you to them.

Staffing Updates:

- At the recommendation of Chief Russell, I have promoted Firefighter Tom Geoffroy to the rank of Lieutenant with the Tyngsborough Fire Department effective today. Lt.





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Geoffroy is a certified fire officer, has been a firefighter/EMT with the Tyngsborough Fire Department for 10 years, and recently became a certified hazmat technician. We'll conduct a formal promotional ceremony at your next meeting.

- I am sad to share that Officer Travis MacMurdo has resigned from his position within the Tyngsborough Police Department and has accepted a position with a larger community nearby. Officer MacMurdo was an incredible addition to the department and served the Town with pride and distinction and we thank him for his service.
- In the interest of wasting no time, I am happy to share that at the recommendation of Chief Woods, I have appointed Brian Walker to the position of Police Officer contingent on a successful background check and completion of the police academy. Mr. Walker is currently a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Sandwich Fire Department. He has extensive training in the field and has even completed his Fire Officer I and Fire Instructor 1 training as well as many other certifications in technical operations. Many of these skills and experiences will transfer nicely to his new role with the Tyngsborough Police Department.
- I am happy to share that Officer Jason Rubino has successfully completed his field training officer program and will now begin patrol as a full officer. Officer Rubino will serve on the evening shift.

Projects

- The Community Preservation Committee met two weeks ago and approved the use of \$22,300 in administrative expenses to hire Gale Associates to perform an architectural assessment of the Winslow School exterior to better understand the work required and costs associated with a Historical Commission request to utilize \$1.2M of previously appropriated funding to restore the entire exterior of the Winslow School. When the Historical Commission made this request back in March, the CPC determined that they didn't have enough information to make a decision and wanted to see the actual work involved and cost associated with their request. We will require that they complete the work by August 1 so that CPC has the month of August to review.

Procurement

- Bids were opened today for the demolition and abatement of the former Council on Aging at 180 Lakeview Ave. The low bid came in at \$118,000 which is \$45,000 shy of the appropriation. Although I wasn't here when the funding proposal was put in place, we believe this difference is a result of the changes to hazardous materials regulations which created a more arduous environment. This price was substantially lower than the other bids so I will likely ask the Board to re-allocate ARPA funding at its June 16th meeting to cover the difference. We know this needs to be done and we know that if we wait it will just get more expensive.





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Reminders/Upcoming Events

- Finally, remember that the Recreation Committee will host a grand opening of Ironwood Park on June 7, 2025. It will be held in conjunction with the Annual Health and Safety Fair. The event begins at 10 AM and will run through 4 PM.
- I'm excited to share that on Friday, June 20, 2025 we'll host a 10 Year Anniversary gathering at the Center for Active Living to celebrate 10 years of the Council on Aging operating out of 169 Westford Road. We'll also do a formal naming ceremony to commemorate the name change to the Center for Active Living. That program will begin at 11 AM.

Regards,

Colin F. Loiselle
Town Manager

