



March 1, 2012

Board of Selectmen  
195 Main Street  
Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Please accept this as an abridged accounting of activities related to my activities as Town Administrator;

**Maynard Country Club:** The Town of Maynard owns a nine-hole, sixty-one acre golf course as of March 1, 2012. Through your hard work as the Board of Selectmen and the support of CPC Chair Doug Moore and his committee the town has exercised the wishes of the citizens have acquired this important property.

As you are aware the request for proposal submittal date is March 8<sup>th</sup> and if we are able to move quickly we will be able to have in place a management before the end of the month. Recently our Town Counsel said "...most home closings take longer than this transaction". It is an incredible pace, but a testament to your resolve. The widespread support of Maynardians has also been central to this process.

I would particularly thank Facilities Manager Greg Lefter for his participation and assistance in coordinating, inspections, conversations and coordination of everything from keys to lawnmowers to a fuel depot.

**Property Auction:** Hint don't call, write on March 8<sup>th</sup>. That will also be the date we will auction off several properties. These tax taking properties will spur reinvestment in some distressed properties and return them to the revenue side, after a long time on the expense side of the ledger.

This is an exciting opportunity for the town and should be for people looking for an affordable way to break into the homeownership ranks. I should remind people we have taken every reasonable path to negotiate with owners when possible, but the law and sensibility limits our parameters.

**MAPC Transportation Forum:** On March 13<sup>th</sup> Maynard will be hosting a MAPC Forum on transportation and the value of expanding services in innovative ways. I have been asked to be part of the panel discussion to give municipal perspective as to the regional need. Representative Hogan has been vital both regionally and locally to this discussion. Without passionate leaders like Rep Hogan this area would not get even a second look for this issue. Fortunately like the issue of energy and how we need to improve that delivery system because of her dedication we are not only on the map, but at the center.

**Crowe Park:** You may have noticed the improvements being made at Crowe Park to the backstop. Again because of the BOS's leadership this project is getting done. This new configuration will significantly limit the number of foul balls traveling down Sudbury or hitting nearby houses.

I would like to thank Mr. Karpaciek, one of the neighbors who has steadfastly come before the BOS to advocate for this type of improvement. This spring we hope he can enjoy the crack of the bat without the break of a window.

**Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> Noon Closing:** Please note that we will close Town Hall for our quarterly meeting for all town hall employees and department heads. This will be our fourth such meeting devised to improve communications and increase our capacity to serve the constituents.

There will be a presentation from Full-Service Technology. This group offers a service of on-line application and tracking, something we all are very interested in adapting. Again if we are to serve the public in the future with dwindling resources we must embrace technology and innovation. I appreciate that as a Board you have been very supportive of that concept.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sullivan  
Town Administrator, Maynard