



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



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2023

ADMINISTRATION:

- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson encourages the public [to subscribe](#) to the regular newsletter edited by Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Megan Zammuto that highlights current and future projects, new businesses and upcoming public meetings.
- TA Johnson was recently appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Board of Directors to the MMA's Policy Committee on Energy and the Environment.
- Finance Director (and Town Accountant) Lauri Plourde accepted the role of Town Accountant in the town of Stoneham, MA, and is therefore resigning from Maynard as of March 10, 2023.
- The Town Clerk's Office has information on elections on the town's website, and notes that the last day to obtain nomination papers for the upcoming local election is March 10, 2023, with the filing deadline as March 14, 2023. <https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/170/Elections>
- TA Johnson attended the Green Meadow School Building Committee on Monday, February 13, 2023 to deliberate and vote on the new project's designs for heating.
- TA Johnson attended the town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting to answer questions relative to the application for support of design costs for new Alumni Field Bleachers.
- The Sustainability Committee welcomed Julie Love Gagen, Sustainability Director for the town of Weston, who presented information on the state's stretch building codes, for the awareness of the town staff and public in the consideration of the town's possible adoption of new stretch building costs.
- TA Johnson met with Caitlin E. Coyle, PhD, Director, Center for Social & Demographic Research on Aging, Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston. Dr. Coyle is expected to be invited to the Select Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to present the possibility of conducting a community assessment.
- TA Johnson met with Gail Erwin, President of Art Space Maynard, and Suchi Mumford, Executive Director of Art Space Maynard, to discuss proposals for budgeting the \$200,000 funding allocation in the state's 2022 Economic Development Bill.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

- The Council on Aging is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The COA provides information and referral for supportive services including home care, health insurance counseling, fuel assistance, food resources, housing, legal issues, public assistance programs and transportation. The Council on Aging accepts and lends durable medical equipment.
- The Council on Aging van service provides transportation Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Destinations include medical appointments, grocery shopping, banks, and salons. Special trips include Walmart in Hudson and Savers thrift store in Marlborough.
- Lauren and Sarah Alford who, for their National Honor Society Service project, worked with students from the Green Meadow Elementary School to produce Cards of Kindness for our seniors. The beautiful handmade cards were distributed at our January Grab-n-Go as well as at the COA.



- The COA is offering a new fitness class called “Seated Senior Fitness” focused on improving balance, increasing strength and adding movement to all areas of the body. Margot Slowick is teaching a new acrylic painting class with a class exhibition slated to be held at the Maynard Library in April. The COA continues to offer elder law presentations, sponsored by Generations Law Group, held at the Maynard Library.



- The COA continues to offer fitness classes in-person and on Zoom. Social activities include cribbage, knitting, and cards. Monthly Grab-n-Go's remain a high attendance event with new seniors signing up each month. Over 70 meals have been ordered for Thanksgiving in February.
- The COA produced a February/March newsletter promoting the COA's activities, including the Maynard COA Book Club, 6 Bridges Gallery exhibitions, Maynard Library programs, food and fuel resources, and Rep. Kate Hogan's monthly article. Also included were updates on the new Emerson Health Urgent Care facility at Maynard Crossing.
- The COA offers an iPad and Chromebooks lending program for those with limited financial resources to increase opportunities for Zoom classes, online activity, and the means to contact friends and family.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Staff attended a lunch and learn session with Maynard resident and Sustainability professional Julie Love Gagen on February 15th. The presentation focused on the new building stretch code that was implemented on January 1st.
- Both The Public Health Division and the Conservation Division have welcomed interns this week.
- This is my last Select Board Meeting in my role as Assistant Town Administrator/Executive Director of Municipal Services. I want to thank the Board, my colleagues, and all of the residents and volunteers for making this an incredible experience.

