



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

April 1, 2025



ADMINISTRATION

- Town Administrator (TA) Johnson submitted Community Project Funding (CPF) requests to US Congresswoman Clark's Office, in advocacy for "earmarks" devoting federal budget funding to critical community needs, including: fire equipment and apparatus to address emergencies within the brush and forest of the Assabet Wildlife Refuge; regional expansion of the Massachusetts Water Resources Agency (MWRA); and, modernizing the wastewater (sewer) infrastructure specifically at the point and pipeline that cross the Assabet River at Powder Mill Road.
- TA Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan met with LIUNA Professionals (department heads union) for negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement for Fiscal Years 2026-28.
- TA Johnson and Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Justin DeMarco met with energy consultant Tradition Energy and reviewed plans for addressing the public facilities energy supply costs in the future.
- TA Johnson is expecting to attend the MAGIC Legislative Breakfast hosted by the town of Lexington on Friday, April 4, 2025, to hear the area's cooperative advocacy for planning efforts. The Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) is a subgroup of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), and is a Greater Boston subregion of thirteen (13) communities: Acton, Bedford, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury, working collaboratively on regional issues.
- TA Johnson and ATA Duggan hosted a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) for representatives of the town's employee workforce to hear proposals pertaining to benefits, specifically health insurance plans.
- TA Johnson met with Mass Power Choice (aka Peregrine) and Sally Warner of the town's Sustainability Committee on the recent status of the town's pursuit of a community electricity aggregation program. The program's outline was accepted by the state, and will move forward with preparing options for bidding on the supply of electricity, as well as preparing marketing for the program.
- TA Johnson met with regional representatives of the Sudbury/Assabet/Concord River (SuAsCo) area to consider a Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) grant for planning collaborative conservation and sustainability efforts for the preservation of the rivers and surrounding areas.

- TA Johnson is excited to support the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the new Green Meadow School project that is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 9:30am, with a rain date of April 16th.
- TA Johnson toured Open Table's expanded facility with Executive Director Alex DePalo, and discussed the partnership between the town and her non-profit organization that provides critical support to Maynard residents and the region.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Street paving is underway by Newport Construction, Inc. and is expected to run through April or May, weather permitting.
- New traffic lights at Acton/Concord Streets are expected to be fully active some time after April 14, 2025.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) is holding the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in conjunction with the first Recycling Drop Off Day of the season tomorrow, Saturday, March 29th, from 8am to noon at the DPW yard at 38 Winter Street. The fee for household hazardous waste is \$60.00 per carload and only checks, debit and credit cards will be accepted. Please visit the DPW web page of the town's website for details on disposable household hazardous waste items as well as our list of recycling drop off options – please note that latex paint cannot be taken.

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 referrals 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.
- Maynard Public Health Nurse, Moira Carter, gave a presentation on Sleep Wellness before her monthly blood pressure clinic.
- Artspace artist, Barbara O'Brien, gave a special workshop in collage-making called "Manifest That." The workshop was sponsored by a Maynard Cultural Council grant.



- Therapy Gardens staff provided a presentation on the Mediterranean diet complete with a light lunch.
- Road Trips (special lunch trips) included Lou Roc's Diner and O'Connors Restaurant with stops at Gerardo's Bakery for dessert.
- The Life Transitions Binder workshop, a four-class series with Sandra Batra started. The workshop will guide seniors in creating a customized "Life Transition Binder" incorporating all important life details, including personal data, property, financial, retirement/investment, insurance, medical and service provider information. In addition to seniors having essential information in one location, it will also allow family members to assist seniors in an emergency.
- Students from Assabet Valley Regional Technical/Vocational High School provided tech savvy support to seniors for pesky tablet and phone issues.
- The Council on Aging co-sponsored with the Maynard Library two virtual travel trips by Bill Gette to West Texas and Alaska.