

Town Manager's Report
March 9, 2020

I will begin this evening's report with announcing that after forty plus years of dedicated service to the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Bob Malley our beloved Director of Public Works will be retiring. Bob is planning to work through July and I know that we will all wish Bob well, when that day comes and that he will leave a tremendous void that will be a great challenge to fill.

The election last week was run exceptionally well, and I wanted to express our gratitude to Debra Lane and her elections staff for their efforts. That was the first of three elections to be held, and with much planning and testing of new measures, we are striving to be prepared for what is anticipated to be a record turn out in the November election.

This morning all department heads were present for a full organizational discussion on the Town's preparedness for responding to the health crisis of COVID 19 which is challenging government, health, and public safety organizations. Discussions were held on proper measures for sanitizing work surfaces, high traffic public facilities, hygiene issues like washing hands, as well as preparing for responding to operations that may be impaired due to quarantine efforts. Chief Gleeson and EMA Director Charlie Kennedy are currently in frequent discussions with the State CDC and Cumberland County EMA on best practices and preparedness.

Responses to the request for proposals for the solar power project at the Recycling Facility are due this Friday, with the Energy Committee planning on reviewing the responses shortly thereafter.

Finally, if a person is interested in entering the lottery for one of the highly desired boat rack slots at Great Pond, the lottery entry closes this Friday, March 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager