

Town Manager's Report
September 10, 2018

In preparing for tonight's manager's report I plan on being mindful of the items on this evening's agenda and the great amount of public interest for tonight's items. With that being said, I do have a significant announcement to make regarding Town staffing.

After almost forty years with the Cape Elizabeth Police Department, and eighteen years as our Chief, Neil Williams will be retiring as Chief of Police effective December 31, 2018. I would like to take the opportunity to be the first to thank Chief Williams for his dedication to the Town of Cape Elizabeth and its citizens and wish him only the best in the next phase of his life.

If you are in the Oakhurst section of Town, you will notice that Oakhurst Road will be closed between the Portland Water District Pumping Station and Rock Wall Lane between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today through Wednesday. The closure will allow a segment of the sanitary sewer main to be replaced.

At the August council meeting the council placed the regional collaboration question on the November ballot. The background information had initially identified the School Department would receive an estimated additional \$72,772 in funding, but since that initial estimate the Commissioner of Education has taken a revised interpretation of the subsidy and has applied an additional formula against the allocated funds, resulting in the school expecting to receive \$22,121 instead. Superintendent Wolfram provided this update to me so I could share this with the council. I have provided you with a letter from the Superintendent explaining this change.

Discussions are ongoing with the Historical Society on the re-use of the Spurwink School, as I have had three meetings with Jim Rowe and we have reviewed the facility. Last Friday I went through the building with local architect Josef Chalot, who will be providing me with additional information as we explore renovation options with the building.

Finally, I have some personnel announcements at Community Services to report. I am happy to inform the council that Kerry Kertes has joined our staff as Fort Williams Park Coordinator, Jane Anderson is onboard as our new senior program coordinator, and Peter Mullen is our new youth program coordinator. We would also like to welcome Kathy Maxwell as our new Deputy Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew E. Sturgis

Town Manager