



Memorandum

Office of the Town Manager

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Kyle Harris, Town Manager
Date: April 15, 2024
Subject: Town Manager Report for April 15, 2024

1. Downtown Newport Road Construction started today. The contractor will be completing the concrete work first followed by milling and paving next month.
2. The New Fire Engine 4 is in final engineering design review. We should be receiving the final drawings in within the next couple of weeks. Once we receive those drawings and provide final approval the engine will go into production with a delivery date of August/September 2024.
3. Community Center Construction Update: The masonry work is continuing as the south wall is close to completion. The electricians have been completing the rough in block work as well. We are expecting steel work to begin tomorrow.
4. We received the bids for waste water treatment facility upgrade. Only one bid was received and nearly \$5 million over budget. We are looking at several options including additional grant funding from various sources as well looking into potential cost savings. Wright-Pierce is working with the bidder to see what can be done. Once I receive an update from Wright-Pierce, I will be requesting they come before the board to further discuss the direction moving forward.
5. Last week, we received initial confirmation from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that Newport has been named in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 as a grant funding recipient. The estimated

funding will be for \$218,000 for the Newport Police Departments Project for Dispatch Radio Consoles

6. Fire Hydrant Flushing has started and is expected to last approximately 3 weeks. Fire hydrant flushing is performed to remove any sediment or stagnant water from the distribution system and to test fire hydrant operation. These steps are taken to improve the overall water quality within the distribution system and to ensure the delivery of the highest quality of water possible.
7. Town wide yard sale: The recreation department is putting together a townwide yard sale on June 22. I am asking the board to waive the permit and fee for participants of the June 22nd town wide sale as listed in the action items. We do ask that all participants notify the recreation department if they wish to participate
8. If you are not yet a registered voter in Newport and you want to vote on May 14, there is still time to register. Before May 4th, you will register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office. After that you will need to wait until voting day and register before you vote. Items that we will need to see to register you are as follows:
 - Government issued photo ID/proof of age
 - Proof of Domicile (physical address)
 - Proof of Citizenship