

Bourne TA Report
July 18, 2023 Select Board Meeting

- I'd like to provide the Select Board with the chronology of Mr. Shawn Patterson's request for a leave of absence from his position as DPW Director, and the actions that I subsequently took in response.

On Sunday, June 4th, Mr. Patterson requested a 6-week leave of absence, which I reviewed, and then approved on June 15, upon the completion of certain paperwork. I also appointed Mr. Matt Quinn as Acting DPW Director, retroactive to June 5, with the understanding that Mr. Patterson would return to his position on Monday, July 17.

On July 5, Mr. Patterson requested an extension of his leave for another 4-6 weeks. On July 7, Mr. Patterson confirmed the request for a 6-week extension of leave.

On July 10, I approved the extended leave through Sunday, August 27, with the understanding that Mr. Patterson will report to work on Monday, August 28.

On Friday, July 14, I extended Mr. Quinn's appointment as Acting DPW Director through August 27.

I sincerely appreciate Mr. Quinn's willingness to step up and continue the Department's work through this period of time and am thankful to all of the Department Heads and employees who have offered assistance and support while we wait for Mr. Patterson to return from his leave.

- The Library Trustees held a very productive discussion last night regarding the strategic plan for the next 5-years at the Library. There will be another virtual workshop tomorrow evening and the last in-person workshop will be next week on July 27th. All of the event details can be found on the Town Calendar.
- The first meeting of the Financial Policy Working Group is tomorrow evening at 6 pm. The agenda and zoom meeting link can be found on the Town Calendar.
- I have heard from a number of people about speeding on Wings Neck Road. When the Police Department receives the speed trailers back with the new software upgrade, one will be located in this area. We also have one temporary speed bump available in our inventory. I have discussed this with Chief Esip, Acting Director Matt Quinn and Tim Lydon. We intend on deploying the temporary speed bump on a trial basis to observe if there is any improvement for the duration of the season. It should be in place within the next couple of weeks and will be removed well before snowplowing season. We should also be receiving traffic data from the Cape Cod Commission soon for that area, which will help us make more informed recommendations in the future.