

**Bourne TA Report
September 5, 2023 Select Board Meeting**

- We are anticipating that maintenance work will begin on the Bourne Bridge shortly. We have not received official word of the start date yet, but unofficially we are preparing for the lane restrictions to go into place overnight on Saturday, September 16 into Sunday, September 17. The restrictions will limit travel to one lane in either direction.

We are expecting the traffic impacts to be severe, and the options to mitigate the delays are limited given the rotary operations at Belmont Circle and the State Police barracks. However, the Police Department and DPW are working creatively together on ways to modify some of our local streets to possibly help the network perform better. We will continue to share our ideas and work cooperatively with Mass DOT in advance of mobilization, and throughout the construction period.

- I have received notice from the Army Corps that they will be performing a structural and mechanical inspection of the Sagamore Bridge on Wednesday, September 13 from 9 am to 2 pm. During this time period, there will be only one travel lane heading onto Cape Cod, and no wide loads will be permitted. The off-Cape lanes will not be restricted.
- I received a phone call today from EnBridge, which is the utility contractor coordinating the gas main relocation project for the construction of the new Canal Bridges. They have begun their survey work today and people may be seeing them in the field over the next few weeks.
- Investigations are continuing into building a new fire station at the existing Pocasset Fire Station site. The geotech engineers will be onsite this Thursday, September 7, and the OPM will have a representative there to observe the drilling. We don't expect the drill rig to damage the existing playground surface, but they will be working in close proximity, so we will be posting the playground as "closed" on Thursday. An industrial hygienist will also be conducting a hazardous materials survey on Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7, in advance of any demolition that will be necessary.
- Town Counsel's Office continues to work with the buyer on the closing for the Hoxie School, which has been extended due to delays between Mass Historical and the Registry of Deeds regarding the historical restriction. We will continue to work through those issues and I will provide further updates when new information is available.
- In order to provide more efficient and convenient services, we have migrated business certificates to a fully online process, so people no longer need to come to Town Hall and fill out a paper application. I'd like to thank Liz and the Clerk's Office for following through on the details of this transition.
- The splash pad will be closed for the season next Monday, September 11th and the swim floats have been removed for the season. As you know, we had some unfortunate experiences with the porta-potties this season and I removed those in August due to safety concerns. The season generally runs through Labor Day weekend. I know that the Board may be discussing a request

to provide porta-potties for a longer duration, through October 31 as part of your budget priorities, and I will await your guidance and direction on that issue.

- I want to let you know that the Town has removed the riser from a manhole on Savery Avenue that was causing concern for some residents, which lowered the structure a few inches. I'd like to thank Josh Howard and Matt Quinn from the DPW for addressing this concern.

However, I do want make the Board aware that this is a rather unique situation with some unsettled questions about the Town's role. Savery Avenue is a public, accepted way. However, the manhole is part of private community septic system that was abandoned in place. It is not part of the municipal sewer system.

I have made the judgement call to utilize DPW resources in this case to mitigate a potential hazard on a public way that has been accepted by Town Meeting and am comfortable expending public funds in order to maintain the safety of that way.

- The Town and Next Grid have submitted the formal DRI application to the Cape Cod Commission for the renewable energy development off of Ernest Valerie Road and I will provide additional updates as the project progresses through the review process.
- We are fielding a lot of calls and questions about the parking lot being closed at the Calamar development. The owners are doing private maintenance work on the parking lot, including reinstalling the top coat of asphalt, cubing repairs along the parking lot perimeter, and repainting the parking spaces. This work is being managed by the property owner and residents should contact the management company with questions and concerns.