



## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE 7 November 2024

*In an effort to better communicate with our community, I will begin sending weekly "Manager's Updates" to those residents who have provided their contact information through the town website. Updates will be sent on Thursday of each week. For more frequent updates please subscribe to the towns Facebook page and visit the Town website.*

### **Municipal Admin:**

- **Election Day:** With 2339 total ballots (*absentee & in person*) cast this past Tuesday all local ordinance changes passed, while the question to build a Recreation/Community center failed. For a complete list of election day results please visit the [Town Website](#).
  - Polling Station lessons learned:
    - Budget for the rental of two additional ballot boxes (\$5,500 each) for the next National election
    - Research alternate voting booth options to accommodate more voters at one time
    - Examine line queuing options to minimize voter wait time
- **HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** Town offices will be **closed November 28th and 29th** in observance of Thanksgiving (*state offices will also be closed*). For your convenience many routine Clerk Related services can be complete through the [ONLINE Services Link](#) on the Town Website.

### **Transfer Station:**

- **Bulky Waste:** The Bulky Waste station will be **closed from 28 Oct - 10 January** for renovations. Recent conversations with the Contractor indicate that he and his team will make every effort to complete the work ahead of schedule. During this time, residents are encourage to hold bulky waste items at their home or if necessary residents can use the PineTree facility located on Songo School Rd. Use of this facility is "Pay as you Go" and coupons will NOT be accepted. When the facility upgrades are complete there will be a new digital scanning system that will replace coupon books. In coming reports I will provide details on how the system will work and how residents can obtain their digital tags.

### **Community:**

- **Boston Globe Cane:** This past weekend I had the honor and privilege of presenting the Town's "[Boston Globe Cane](#)" to our oldest living residents, **Larry Balboni**. The presentation was held at the American Legion Hall as part of Larry's 100th Birthday celebration. It was heartwarming to see all of the friends and family members who turned out to celebrate this very special day. Larry was presented with a signed "Boston Globe Cane" certificate and had his photo

taken holding the historic cane. Larry's name will be read into the official town records as a recipient of the cane during the next Select Board meeting.