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TO: Chairman Lachiusa and Members of the Select Board  
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SUBJECT: Town Manager Report

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### **COVID-19 Update**

COVID-19 cases in town continue to remain at the same number we've seen the last few weeks, as of today's writing there are 3 cases. We remain grey on the State's map. We are monitoring the Delta variant and keeping up with DPH updates related to the virus.

### **Converse Street Sewer Improvements**

Work has started and some modifications were made to the detour plans with added barricades on some streets to prevent "cut-through" traffic. We know some streets are seeing an impact in the number of trucks and vehicle traffic and we appreciate the patience as we make these necessary improvements. Work will not take place the week of Fourth of July and will resume and conclude the week of July 12.

### **Bliss Road Cell Tower**

The cell tower project is ongoing, Wireless EDGE is waiting for Eversource to install a utility street pole and then they can do the trenching, driveway paving and landscaping. Both Verizon and AT&T are lined up to install on the tower. AT&T will be installing soon, but it could take a couple of months before they have fiber and can operate.

### **Girl Scout Troop 12808 Silver Award**

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 12808 is working toward their Silver Award and has reached out on a project to install a dog waste station in a town park. This will complement the work that the DPW did earlier this spring. The location for the dog waste station is at another entrance to Bliss Park on Oakwood Place.

### **General Code eCode Project Update**

General Code has completed the Manuscript and Editorial and Legal Analysis for the new Town Code. The materials have been posted to a private *eCode360*® *Code Review* site. This allows the Town Clerk and I (and a small review team) to review the Manuscript (the Code in progress) and the Editorial and Legal Analysis in a secure, online environment. The response on the Town's review is due by October 14. General Code will then make the updates and submit a final draft to the Town for review. Changes will need to be accepted at the Annual Town Meeting in 2022.

### **MUNIS Sewer Billing Project**

The consultant was onsite on June 25 and continued work the following week. Implementation of quarterly billing can be done and we are devising a schedule that avoids utility bills being due the same time as property tax bills. The winter averaging exploratory work is continuing.

## June 29 Storm

On June 29 we had a fast moving storm cell move through the south end of Town. The storm had a defined path starting in Southwick traveling through Agawam and crossing the river into Town. We had damage starting in the meadows and moving southeast to Shaker road. The rail lines were blocked by trees, we had three homes with extensive damage. One home on Barrington Ave has significant structural damage. Route 5 and Maple Road had multiple trees and broken poles. Eversource had a great response and Verizon is replacing poles on Route 5 south of Maple Road. The EOC operated for a few hours that night with the LFD Chief, LPD Chief, and DPW Director. Members of the LFD command staff assisted in coordinating operations. WestComm sent a dispatcher to operate out of the Fire station. Police and Fire did call in extra help for the response and DPW recalled several employees to assist. Northern Tree was called to supplement our resources. We are still gathering costs from the response and cleanup. The National Weather called the day after the storm and said they were sending individuals from UMASS to look at our damage.