

A Message from the Town Manager: June 2023

Welcome to the Town of Plymouth! We are pleased that you have chosen to live and visit our community. Our beautiful urban and rural space, the peaceful nature of our area, government professionalism, and citizens' involvement make for a caring and friendly community.

School will be out soon; the temperature is rising and summer is upon us! At the Town of Plymouth, we look forward to the summer months because there is so much to do in our community.

The Town of Plymouth recently introduced our weekly electronic newsletter. It is sent on Friday afternoons, and includes weekly updates on construction projects, meetings and additional information with regards to town business. If you haven't, and are interested you can sign up for the electronic newsletter on the Town of Plymouth's website: <https://www.plymouth-nh.org/>

Plymouth Recreation has a wide variety of programs for every age and interest. There are several camp options available, please check out Plymouth Recreation at the following site:

<https://sites.google.com/pemibaker.org/plymouthparksandrecreation>

Additionally, the Keniston-Freeman Summer Concert Series has been announced: Please check out the following link for Schedules and Bands:

<https://sites.google.com/pemibaker.org/plymouthparksandrecreation/summer-concert-series>

I meet monthly with Jessica Dutille, Director of Community Impact at Plymouth State University. In the month of May we discussed a number of topics to include the April Student Life Report, Pirate Party Communications and outreach, Orientation sessions, Cluster Project for Economic Development and Parking, Memorandum of Understanding for FREE Parking in Silver Hall Lots (5-15-23 through 8-15-23) and the Cemetery Mapping Project.

Plymouth State University Cluster Project: I will be working with Jessica Dutille on the Cluster Project and meeting with her monthly. President Birx is in the process of selecting faculty from PSU – John Christ will be leading the PSU Team. We should have the full faculty selected over the next couple of weeks, and a kick off meeting will be scheduled for early fall.

Over the next few months, you will see the Highway Department Working on the Road and Street Overlay Maintenance Priority list (2023). This was developed by using the Road Surface Maintenance study that was completed by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The roads and streets that will be addressed this year are Warren Street, Lower Pleasant Street, Avery Street, Merrill Street, and New Hebron Road. Additionally, the sidewalks on Broadway and Wentworth Streets will be repaired.

The Housing Opportunity Program Committee has been very active, the funding received from the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs will help the town gather data to contribute to a comprehensive understanding about housing in Plymouth including current status of housing, housing needs, and what the Town wants to do to address housing in Plymouth. Specifically, the project will:

1. Gather current data about housing (number of units, cost, location and land area, condition, etc.), demographic information (population, age, household income, etc.), economic trends, and employment in Plymouth and develop a report that addresses our current housing situation and future needs.

2. Engage with the public to understand needs and perceptions about housing as well as understand the community's values and attitudes as they pertain to housing.
3. Conduct an audit of our current land use regulations that impact housing including density, location issues, available infrastructure, and cost of development of different types of housing. Identify and report about barriers to housing

The next Public Meeting will be held on June 7, 2023 at 6:30pm at Plymouth Regional High School in the Bobcat Café.

The Downtown Construction project is in full swing, I will make every effort to keep our Main Street Businesses and residents informed with our Two-Week Construction outlook that is issued on Friday afternoon, and is included in the weekly newsletter. The project over the past two weeks is moving nicely along Main Street. I have had very positive comments from the Businesses and the Public. We will continue to meet with PVWSD every Wednesday morning taking a look back at the previous week, and a two week look ahead. We will continue to communicate the Two-Week Construction Schedule on Friday's.

Here is a rough timeline of what has occurred, and what we need to do to meet EDA's requirements:

1. Work started on the Detention Pond, Monday, May 15th.
2. Free Parking Silver Hall lots 210 & 211 – signs are in place (May 15 – August 15)
3. Banners – "Main Street Businesses Open" – Rte. #3 North and South as well as Holderness Road locations.

If you would like to discuss your concerns or ideas, please email at the address listed below or call me at (603)536-1731 X112. You are each important parts of our community, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community.

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