

IN TOWN NEWS

Town of Wrentham

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Issue 9

From the Town Administrator

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Gregory Enos effective February 1, 2023 as our Assistant Town Administrator / Director of Human Resources. As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, Greg will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Administrative Office, leading all human resources functions, risk management, procurement, principal negotiator in collective bargaining, and administrative direction over assigned Departments including; Animal Control, Veterans, Council on Aging, Library and Recreation.



Gregory Enos

Greg joins us with nearly two decades of municipal experience serving the last 4 ½ years as Town Administrator for the Town of Avon. Prior to his tenure in Avon he was the Director of Human Resources for the Town of Ashland, Assistant Town Administrator for the Town of Whitman, and Neighborhood/Downtown Planner in the Cities of New Bedford and Brockton. Greg earned a Bachelor's in Political Science from The Pennsylvania State University, Master of Public Administration degree from Suffolk University, and is a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO). He is an active member of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Human Resources Association.

Please join me in welcoming Greg to Wrentham!

Kevin Sweet

Mary Beth Bernard, Director of Human Resources, will be officially retiring effective February 14, 2023. Mary Beth was the Town's first Director of Human Resources and helped develop a number of HR programs and policies during her 4-years of service. She will be spending more time with family and Grandchildren; while continuing to serve as a Consultant in the Human Resources field.

Best wishes for a much deserved retirement Mary Beth!



Retiring Director of Human Resources
Mary Beth Bernard

Important Dates

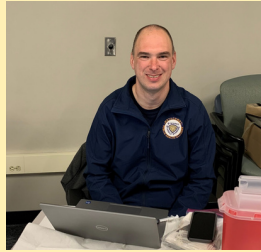
- February 20 – President's Day – Town Offices Closed
- March 12 – Daylight Savings
- April 3 – Annual Town Election
- April 17 – Patriots' Day – Town Offices Closed

Public Health

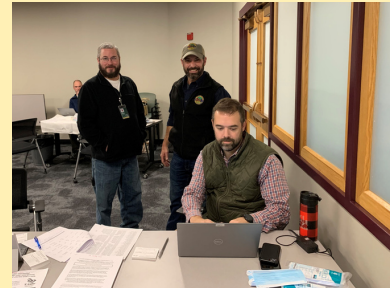


Lauren Hewitt, RN (left) and Jeanine Murphy, RN (right) at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference Nov 6-9 at the Boston Conference and Exhibition Center

Covid Booster Clinic December 6th



Matt Tanis, Regional Environmental Health Agent helps administer vaccine



Attending and helping out at the clinic, Brian Antonioli, DPW (left) Chris McKeon, Facilities (center) and Chad Lovett, Director of Facilities (right)

Town Hall



December 20th Holiday Sweater Party. Awesome job by Amanda Vasapollo organizing the festivities !

From the Assessors Office



Meghan Dailey joined the Assessors in September. She comes to us with lots of experience in the finance field. Meghan has already completed the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Course 101. We are very fortunate to add such an ambitious and goal-driven member to our team.



Robert Scotton has completed all Mass Association of Assessing Officers courses and has received his Massachusetts Accredited Assessor Designation. Robert has worked very hard for this accomplishment and aims to continue advancing his education in this field.

Fire Department



The newly expanded Fitness Room at Public Safety. Chief Antonio Marino (right) and Firefighter/EMT Devan Cornetta (left). Devan, a certified personal trainer, works with staff to create personalized workouts to assist with strength and conditioning goals.



Chief Antonio Marino (left) with Robert Holst (right)

Captain Robert Holst is retiring from the Wrentham Fire Department effective February 1st after over 35 years with the Town. Bob started as an auxiliary firefighter in 1985 and rose through the ranks.

Finance Department



Mike King, Finance Director

Finance Director Mike King earned the title of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector at the November Meeting of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. Mike previously earned the "Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer" in 2019. Congratulations Mike!

Fiske Public Library

Our long serving Library Director Mary Tobichuk retired effective January 15, 2023 after 38 years of service with the Town of Wrentham and the Fiske Public Library. Mary started as a Librarian in 1985 and was appointed Director in 1991. Congratulations on your much deserved retirement Mary!



Mary Tobichuk



Steve Butzel, Interim Library Director

Effective January 17, 2023 Steve Butzel has served as the Interim Library Director and Consultant. Steve is an experienced Library Director serving over 8-years as Library Director in Portsmouth, NH. Steve has lived in Massachusetts most of his life and is very familiar with Massachusetts libraries having worked in Waltham, Belmont and Newton. He recently retired and became a Library Leadership Coach and Organizational Consultant. He will be with us until a permanent Library Director is appointed. Welcome to Wrentham Steve!

Police Department

2022 Toys for Tots Drive held by Wrentham Police Department helped 77 local families at Christmas!



From Left: Sgt. Peter Lown; Sgt. Dan Morris; Officer Mark Miscavage; Santa; Officer Scott Ellis; Officer Matt Smith; Officer Jake Halloway; and Officer Brandon Forella.

Detective Sergeant Jim Barrett resigned from the Wrentham Police Department to accept a position as Lieutenant on the Holliston Police Department effective January 9th. Jim grew up in Wrentham and attended KP. He has been on the police force since March 5, 1995. His father, sister and brother all served on the Wrentham Police Department. Good luck Jim!



Detective Sergeant Jim Barrett (left) with Chief Bill McGrath

Steve Hearon was sworn in as Sergeant on January 24, 2023. Steve has been a police officer in Wrentham for over 26 years. The ceremony was held at Public Safety and attended by Town Clerk Cindy Thompson, the Board of Selectmen, members of Wrentham Police Department, plus family and friends. Congratulations Steve!



From left: Selectman and former Police Chief, James Anderson; Selectman Chris Gallo; Selectman Bill Harrington; Sergeant Steve Hearon; Selectman Joseph F. Botaish, II; Selectman Charles Kennedy; and Police Chief Bill McGrath

Cruiser the Community Resource Dog celebrates 3 years in Wrentham on January 20!



Department of Public Works



Brian Antonioli

Brian Antonioli was appointed Director (Superintendent) of Public Works effective January 1, 2023. Brian has served as the Acting Director since July 1, 2022 and has done an exceptional job stepping in and managing the Department. Brian brings a strong background of 25+ years in multiple facets of Public Works operations, project management, unionized personnel management, budgeting, capital planning, safety, and various skills important to a successful career in this position. In addition, he holds several relevant certifications/licenses and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Water Works Association Education Committee. Congratulations Brian!

Big thanks to DPW who placed the boulder on the Town Common that will mark the spot for the 350th Time Capsule to be buried in the fall. The stone was quarried here in Wrentham and donated by S.M. Lorusso & Sons Inc. Led by Ray Rose who trucked the stone from the quarry, the crew then used a backhoe and lots of manpower to carefully place the large rock on a prepared stone foundation.



From left: 350th Committee Members Paula Sullivan, Ed Goddard, and Gary Duquette; DPW Crew Members Ray Rose, Jason Hurst, Jacob Signori, and Lukas Bratsos joined by Cruiser



Join Charles River Watershed Association, Town of Wrentham, and Weston & Sampson for tour of Eagle Dam in Wrentham.

Learn more about our ongoing work to assess flooding hazards of dam breach, opportunities for stream restoration, and feasibility of and incentives for dam removal!

Thursday, April 13 @ 5:30pm
Rain or Shine
608 Franklin Street (Rte 140)
Register & Learn
[CRWA.org/EVENTS](https://www.crw.org/events)

Planning & Economic Development

The Town of Wrentham received the following designations and awards:

- Green Communities
- Two grants from Economic Development Bill: \$25,000 Business fee study working with Town Administrator & Finance Office; \$75,000 Zoning Recodification, a good start for a multi-year project!
- Awarded several projects through the Transportation Bond Bill, Ch. 176 of the Acts of 2022;
 - \$25,000 Road Safety Audit for Green St & Route 1A,
 - \$50,000 Downtown sidewalk loop study, Creek street sidewalk feasibility,
 - \$250,000 Rte 140 & Franklin St repairs/engineering (Lake Archer Association was the main advocate for this project),
- The Town recommends contacting your Senator & Representative to show support for these projects to ensure they are funded...
 - Sen. Rebecca Rausch: becca.rausch@masenate.gov
 - Rep Marcus Vaughn: Marcus.Vaughn@mahouse.gov
- Zoning Board of Appeals looking for 2 Associate Member positions, this is appointed Board, fill out the availability card online.



Happy 350th Birthday Banner at Town Hall

The 350th Committee has been busy planning events that will take place throughout 2023!

March 18 - St. Patrick's Day Party

May 20 - William Sweatt Day

July 15 - Wrentham's Birthday Party

September 16 - Grand Parade

October 15 - Time Capsule Burial

December 2 - Gala at Lake Pearl

Visit wrentham350.com for more information

Free In-person Workshop for Employees

Wrentham Sleep Soundly

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

3:30-4:30 pm, Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 216, Wrentham, MA 02093

Free program open to all Town of Wrentham employees and their spouses.

In this workshop you learn the science behind sleep, the benefits of sleep, effects of sleep deprivation, and an understanding of sleep cycles. Most importantly you will develop an understanding of what causes sleep deprivation and what you can do to prevent it and remedy it. You leave armed with solutions for better rest including tips, simple yoga postures, breathing techniques, and meditations that guarantee better sleep hygiene.

Leader: Trish Hart, BS, MBA, RYT, MBSR

Registration: Please register by February 21 with Mary Harrington at mharrington@mma.org or 617-426-7272 x278. MIIA/Blue Cross members have priority in registering when space is an issue. Class size is limited to 25. Please let Mary know if you are a MIIA/Blue Cross member.



Libby Lewis was nominated as the Henry Carr Youth 2022 Volunteer of the Year. Pictured above at the November 21, 2022 Wrentham Town Meeting with Selectman from left: Joseph F. Botaish, II; Libby Lewis, James Anderson, Chris Gallo, and Bill Harrington



Andrea Sweed was nominated as Volunteer of the Year in the adult category. Andrea is the former longtime chair of the Finance Committee. Pictured above with the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting in November.



Town wide upgrade to Water Meter System

In a continuing effort to improve our water service, the Town of Wrentham is implementing a town wide upgrade to our water metering system. This upgrade includes installation of a new water meter and reading device at homes and businesses by the installation contractor, Hydro Utilities. This installation is mandatory and will be at no additional charge to for a standard installation. Hydro Utilities will provide a dedicated number 866-983-8080 and website wrenthammeters.com for scheduling water meter replacements. Starting in March, all water users should receive letters in the mail outlining the program and directions for scheduling water meter replacement.