

Memorandum

Office of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

TO: Honorable Board of Selectmen
FROM: Jill R. Myers, Town Administrator
DATE : June 18, 2009
SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report for the BOS Meeting of June 23, 2009

FY2009 BUDGET STATUS

Transfer requests have been received and are included in your agenda packet. MGL provides for such intra/inter departmental transfers for amounts up to \$5,000 or 3% of the operating budget, whichever is greater. Upon approval by the BOS, it will be forward to the Finance Committee. This is separate from Reserve Fund transfer requests.

COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH LICENSES

The Interim Harbormaster recommends the issuance of two (2) commercial shellfish licenses for the harvesting of razor clams based on the aquaculture report of April 24, 2009 from the Division of Marine Fisheries having done a survey of the area in September 2008. As you may know, section 16 of the Shellfish Regulations notes, "**No commercial shell fishing will be allowed in Kingston waters.**" I understand that such prohibition was lifted for four (4) commercial (mussel) licenses in the past upon recommendation by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). I presume the general public is not aware of the availability of commercial shellfish licenses. Based on the fact that five (5) aquaculture grant applications were received for three plots, and that our office just issued shellfish license #162, I presume there is great interest in receiving the commercial license. I respectfully request that the Board establish a process of announcing the availability of the two commercial shellfish licenses. We could then accept applications by a certain date, such as July 2, 2009. At the Board's meeting of July 7th, a lottery drawing could then be held to determine which applicants receive the commercial licenses if more than two applications are received.

RETIREMENTS

The Fire Chief received retirement notifications, effective June 30, 2009, from two long-serving Call Firefighters:

Richard Garuti	40 years
Lionel Warner	31 years

MISCELLANEOUS:

Arbitration on the Patrol Officers (IBPO) collective bargaining agreement expiring on June 30, 2007 was held at Town Hall on June 10. Legal briefs are due by July 10, with an anticipated decision on or before August 10.

- June 23: South Shore Town Administrators Meeting on Regional Services
- June 24: South Shore Purchasing Consortium Meeting
- June 25: Regional BOS Meeting, Whitman, 7:00pm
- July 3: Holiday (July 4th Observance)
- July 7: Public Hearing: Cable TV License for Verizon

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you!