
REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: SELECT BOARD
FROM: JACQUI BEEBE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT TO EPTRTA
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ADMINISTRATIVE

WEEKEND STORM

- **The Town was hit with a fierce winter blizzard over the past weekend.** Most of our problems came from heavy wet snow coupled with high winds, which is the Cape's recipe for power outages. At one point during the storm 93% of Eastham homes were without power in 30-degree temperatures, which dropped to eighteen or less overnight and into Sunday. By Sunday morning at 8:30am, three thousand homes were still reporting no power and by 6 pm Sunday only eight hundred homes were still affected.
- **The Regional Shelter was activated at Nauset High School from early Saturday morning until Sunday evening**
- **We set up a warming/charging center at the library from 1:00- 6:00 pm on Sunday.**
- **EMS staff has de-briefed from the storm, and we will be discussing recommendations for improvements in staffing and infrastructure improvements for future storms.**
- We were pleased with the **Eversource response and communication.** They mobilized and restored power efficiently and the new text system kept homeowners in the loop. I would encourage people to sign up for Eversource alerts at <https://www.eversource.com>, go to tab at top of screen for "outages and storms" then scroll to "power outage text alerts." They will notify you when it goes out, estimate time of restoration, and keep you updated. Our Code Red system also worked well and if you are not signed up for that service, please visit the website homepage which has a button for Code Red updates.

COVID Home Test Kits

- **The Health Department will be offering the remaining test kits to open Eastham-based businesses for staff and for our own town staff.** distribution. Really proof of an amazing team from the Select Board down. Thank you!
- **The second distribution date was Friday 1/22 from 12-2 pm same location.**

HOUSING

- **CPA Funds:**
 - **The Community Preservation Committee voted to approve the entire purchase of 580 Massasoit with Historic Preservation Funds, (\$450,000).**
 - We decided to withdraw the request for **2555 State Highway** and will place a borrowing article on the warrant and set aside a portion of the Family Support/Workforce Housing funds for the debt service. This will give us more flexibility with the use of the property until we have a final plan for the four additional units behind the main house.

EPTRA Meeting

- The winter Eastham Part-Time Resident Taxpayer Association Meeting was held on 3/2. Presentations were made by the COA on their Strategic Planning Initiative, Community Development for the Accessory Dwelling Unit, the new Fire Chief and Deputy Chief were introduced, and I gave a general report. The entire meeting can be viewed on the EPTRA U-Tube channel.

BUDGET

- **The Finance Committee will be reviewing Departmental Budgets** and we would like to invite Board members to attend if you would like. Laurie can post any as joint meetings if we can get a count at least 3 days prior. Of special note is March 16, where all school budgets will be discussed. Meetings are on the following dates, all beginning at 5 pm:
 - February 1: Library, Recreation, COA, Health
 - February 9: Community Development & Fire
 - February 16: Police & Dispatch
 - February 23: DPW, Highway, Natural Resources, Sanitation, Maintenance & Water Enterprise Fund
 - March 16: All school budgets