



**TOWN OF IPSWICH**  
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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**TO:** Members of the Select Board  
**FROM:** Stephen Crane, Town Manager  
Mary Gallivan, Assistant Town Manager  
**DATE:** March 6, 2023  
**RE:** Town Manager Report

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**Jenny Slew Naming Request**

In response to the request to name 54 County Road after Jenny Slew, I have asked our in house research bureau, also known as the Library, to investigate Town records to see if this space had already been named for someone/something else. This is important because naming a space can be done by the Select Board but renaming a space requires Town Meeting action. Currently, a staff member at the Library is researching the history of 54 County Road (South Village Green) to answer this question and will be reviewing digitized newspapers spanning from 1810-1999 and 2005-2019 as well as digitized Town Reports spanning from 1881-2015. Once this research has been completed, any findings will be reported to the Select Board.

**Water Department**

The Water Department is in the process of developing and distributing the Ipswich Outdoor Water Use Survey. Earthwater Design Solutions, Inc., a local company, is providing water use assessments for Ipswich residents interested in incorporating sustainable outdoor watering techniques at their homes. Staff will visit participants at their residence and perform a survey of their water use and needs and compile a report with personalized suggestions on how to recycle rainwater and increase the sustainability of outdoor water use. This is an exciting facet of the ongoing effort to reduce water consumption in Ipswich.

**Fire Department**

On Wednesday night, 5 new call firefighters graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program. The 5 are: Michael Varone; Griffin Foley; Kara Simeonov; Andrew Wood; and Keith Leblanc Jr. These five IFD members joined 28 other firefighters from across the Commonwealth and the graduates received certificates of completion at a ceremony in front of family, friends, and colleagues held at Lynnfield Middle School.



The five graduates, all Ipswich residents, will have an orientation period at IFD but will be responding to calls within a couple of weeks. This will bring the current call FF force of 6 up to 11. Call firefighters are recalled to the station

when the fulltime are committed at an incident, and supplement the fulltime staff. They were hired in October, 2022 and were detailed to the academy almost immediately. A swearing-in ceremony will be held at a Select Board meeting in the near future with the Town Clerk.

### **Planning Department**

The Historical Commission is holding a window workshop on March 18th at the Library, and the 3A Task Force is holding its first Public Forum on March 22nd. See attached flyers.

### **Recreation and Culture**

Winter Wellness Sampler extends programming into March taking place at 6PM on Friday evenings at EBSCO Hall, 5 Peatfield Street. All offerings are free and open to the public. The Programming is a collaboration between Ipswich ReCreation & Culture, EBSCO Hall, and Ipswich Wellness Collective.

- March 3 Sound Bath: Sound Meditation
- March 10: Wake Up Spirit: Expressive Dance, Drum Circle, Mandala & more
- March 17 Spring ReSet: Celebrate the equinox with yoga, acupuncture & meditation
- March 24 Qi Gong: Slow flowing movement and mindful breathing practice

Also, on Friday March 31 from 7-9PM at the Ipswich Town Hall Gym is “Circles, Lines, and Squares: A Family Friendly Folk Dance.” The event will feature music, dance, and calling by Music & Dance Calling by Egrets Only; it is free open to the public.

### **Police Department**

IPD investigated reports of graffiti showing up in town on multiple buildings. Midnight patrols located and arrested a local 18 year old male while in the act of tagging more buildings. He was charged with 9 counts of TAGGING PROPERTY CH.266 s.126B.

### **MMMA Committees**

I have been appointed to serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Legal Assistance Fund Committee for the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association.

### **Boards, Committees and Commissions**

EBSCO, Town Moderator, IRWA, Finance Committee, Public Safety Building working group