



TOWN OF HOLDEN  
MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Jacquelyn M. Kelly  
Town Manager

October 30, 2015

**TO:** Board of Selectmen  
**FROM:** Jacquelyn M. Kelly  
Town Manager  
**SUBJECT:** *Town Manager Update*

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1. **WRSD Budget Roundtable** – The Superintendent of Schools Darryll McCall has invited member towns' Selectmen, Finance Committees, and Town administrators to a budget roundtable to begin talking about the FY17 budget. The meeting is on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central District Office.

Information  [X]

Vote [ ]

Signature [ ]

2. **Final Report of the Collaborative Budget Task Force** – The Final Report of the WRSD Collaborative Budget Task Force has been issued and has been forwarded to you.

Information  [X]

Vote [ ]

Signature [ ]

3. **WRSD Approved FY16 Budget** – In follow up to the Paxton Town Meeting vote on October 15, 2015, Superintendent McCall forwarded the enclosed notice to the Commissioner of Education Mitchell D. Chester. The District reduced their budget request from what was originally proposed. We have also received a revised assessment letter from the District based on revised approved budget. For your information, the difference between what Holden appropriated at Town meeting in May 2015 for our School assessment and the reduced budget is approximately \$481,477.

Information  [X]

Vote [ ]

Signature [ ]

4. **Fall 2015 Composting and Brush Chipping** – The following is a schedule for Town Saturday composting and brush chipping activities as:

Saturday, November 7  
Saturday, November 14  
Saturday, November 21  
Saturday, December 5

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., weather permitting. Composting takes place at the site of the former landfill at 560 River Street. Brush should be brought to the Adams Road DPW Facility due to limitations of the Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB) area. Further information is available on the Town's website and in the local media.

**Information**                       Vote                       Signature

5. **Best of Friends Harvest Fair** – The annual Best of Friends Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center. Lunch will include delicious homemade soups and desserts. This year, there will be face painting and cooking decorating. Admission is a donation for the Wachusett Food Pantry. This event is coordinated by the Friends of the Council on Aging and proceeds benefit the Senior Center and its programs.

**Information**                       Vote                       Signature

6. **Veterans' Re-dedication Ceremony** – On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., the Veterans Advisory Committee will hold a re-dedication of the John E. Harkins memorial located on the Hancock Common.

**Information**                       Vote                       Signature

Please contact me should you have any questions concerning this memorandum

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Cc: Department Heads