



Town Of Webster

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Massachusetts

Office of the Town Administrator
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Webster, MA 01570

Announcements:

- Thank you to Veterans that organized and participated in the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony.
- Firefighter Summer Carnival; June 23-25. Fireworks on Friday the 23rd at dusk.
- June 19th start of summer reading program—both children and adults. See library website/Facebook page for more info.
- Beach staffed weekdays beginning June 26th.
- Independence Day Fireworks, Saturday July 1st at dusk.
- Webster's Wednesday Markets July 5th through August 30th ; a farmers market each Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.
- Summer Concert Series follows the market each Wednesday.

1. Public Health and Safety

a. Opioid Taskforce

- i. 21 Overdoses in past three months—March: 6; April: 6, May: 9.
- ii. Roughly half of those contacted by the Webster Resource Center have accepted help and are in rehabilitation programs.

b. High Profile Cases.

- i. May 20th Shooting: Victim uncooperative, but with the help of surveillance video, members of the Worcester Police Department Gang Unit, Webster police have identified the shooter and will be requesting a warrant for his arrest.

Victim is Worcester resident with known gang ties. The shooter has no known gang affiliation. The two were arguing about this when the shooter shot the victim in the ankle. The shooter is originally from Fall River.

- ii. May 29th incident: Male walked into police station reporting stating he thought his car had been shot in retribution for an altercation the previous night. State Police Ballistics have searched the vehicle and there are no signs of a bullet. No gun or casings were found either. Appears to be vandalism/destruction of property rather than a firearm.

- c. Directed Proactive Patrols (DPPs) have been developed and implemented. Goal is to be highly visible (when feasible), aggressive and productive.

- i. Operations include group traffic assignments, warrant round-ups, cross walk stings, etc.
 - 1. Traffic stop found 40 bags of weed packaged for street sale.
 - ii. Coordinating with other regional resources including the State Police.
- d. Statistics

	Jan 1st to June 1st 2016	Jan 1st to June 1st 2017
Calls	9,848	9,953
Arrests	447	572

- e. Internal Investigation into December 2nd Incident
- i. I received an email from someone that appears to be using an alias.
 - 1. Email stated that there was an excessive use of force during an incident on December 2nd.
 - 2. Claims that the incident was not followed up on and there were attempts to “cover up” the incident.
 - ii. Investigation cleared Officer Perry of any wrong doing.
 - iii. Found reports of a “cover up” unfounded.
 - iv. Report determined that someone from within or very close to the department was the original sender of the email.
 - v. Report identified actions by officers that violated department policies and procedures.
 - 1. Appropriate disciplinary measures are underway.
 - vi. The redacted report is available on the Town’s website.

2. Financially Responsible

- a. FY17 Budget:
 - i. Snow & ice: \$155,000 deficit.
 - ii. Legal: \$85,871 spent of \$100,000 budget
- b. Five Year Forecast
- c. Capital Improvement Plan
 - i. Five year plan
- d. Independent audit draft expected this week.
- e. Grants
 - i. META: assist in applying for green communities
 - 1. Pay for energy audit
 - ii. ADA beach improvements: \$22,000
 - iii. Open Space and Recreation: \$25,000
 - iv. Recycling: \$1,250
 - v. Streetlights: 30% of cost approximately \$114,000

3. Economic Development

- a. Discussed potential TIF with two downtown properties.
- b. Mass Organic Therapies is now operational.
- c. CME weekly status report attached.

4. Maintain Infrastructure
 - a. Davis Street construction underway.
 - b. Water Treatment Plant
 - i. SRF vote of the trust on 6/21. Previewed and all set.
5. Effective Delivery of Services/Operations
 - a. Performance review:
 - i. Next meeting: Senior Center.
6. Clean and Beautiful
 - a. Downtown improvements
 - i. Signs installed
 - b. Foreclosed on 28 Mechanic Street.
 - c. Attorney making motion to foreclose on 34 East Main
 - d. Developing Nuisance Property/Slumlord By-law
7. Transparent, informative, engaged and customer friendly government
 - a. Citizen Survey
 - i. Available on the town's website or paper copy at Town Administrator's Office