

**TOWN OF HEBRON
WEEKLY MANAGEMENT REPORT
May 4, 2018**

TOWN MANAGER:

**BUDGET REFERENDUM - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 - HEBRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - POLLS
OPEN 6:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

Charter Revision Commission

On April 5, 2018, the Hebron Board of Selectmen established a nine (9) member Charter Revision Commission. The Board is seeking volunteers who are electors within the Town of Hebron to serve on the Charter Revision Commission.

The Town Charter requires that there be a review of the Charter every five years. The Selectmen are currently reviewing items to be included in the charge. The Charter Document can be viewed on the Town of Hebron website at <https://ecode360.com/10615452>

Those people volunteering to be on the Commission must be willing to commit to attending nearly all meetings of the Commission and should have some familiarity with the Town and municipal government.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Charter Revision Commission please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen in care of the Town Manager's Office, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248.

SELECTMEN BOARD/COMMITTEE DATES:

RHAM Budget Meeting – Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. – RHAM Chorus Room (Collins)

Open Space Land Acq Special Mtg – Monday, May 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m. - TOB – (O'Connell)

Planning & Zoning – Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Town Office Building

WPCA – Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Douglas Library (O'Brien)

Health & Safety – Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Department

Historic Properties – Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Senior Center (Larson)

Hebron BOE Meeting - Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Gilead Hill School (Richmond)

Conservation Committee - Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Office Building

COMMISSION/COMMITTEES:

Town of Hebron Health and Safety:

We have worked 56 days without a work related injury or accident.

DEPARTMENT NEWS**PUBLIC WORKS:**

This week the Public Works Department continued the clean-up of damaged trees and brush from the storms of three weeks ago. There are hanging branches that are still being removed and dead trees were removed on Old Hartford Road. The sweeping operation is continuing and the South side of Town is complete. Preparation for paving the top course of Deepwood Drive took place. This included milling and trimming the edges and paving took place on Thursday. Curbing that was damaged throughout the winter is being prepped for repair where needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

At the last meeting of the Economic Development Commission, John Guskowski, the town's Economic Development Coordinator, reviewed a proposal sponsored by UCONN and CT Main Street Center called the "First Impressions" program. The program is to be paired up with another town – it is suggested that Durham and Hebron be paired up. The First Impressions community exchange program was designed to help communities learn about their strengths and shortcomings through the eyes of first-time visitors. First Impressions is a structured community assessment that offers a fresh perspective on the appearance, services and infrastructure of each community. Volunteer teams undertake unannounced visits, record observations, and give constructive feedback to the exchange community. More information can be found on their website: <http://communities.extension.uconn.edu/firstimpressions/>. The EDC expressed interest in joining the program and asked that further follow-up and information be gathered and shared with the Commission.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

The Salmon River Watershed Partnership:

In 2007, the Watershed Towns (including Hebron), assisted by The Nature Conservancy, launched the Salmon River Watershed Partnership (SRWP). The Partnership consists of representatives from the Watershed Towns, The Nature Conservancy, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Trout Unlimited, Colchester Land Trust and Friends of Silvio O. Conti Refuge in Haddam. The Salmon River Watershed is approximately 149 square miles and encompasses all or part of the towns of Bolton, Colchester, Columbia, East Hampton, East Haddam, Glastonbury, Haddam, Hebron, Lebanon and Marlborough. The watershed supports diverse habitats and is especially known for its cold-water streams and forests. The Partnership just published their 2018 annual newsletter that described all of the many activities that they do for the towns and the watershed. **See link below**.....and this is also posted on the Town website.

<http://hebronct.com/uploads/2018/04/SRWP-newsletter-2018-final.pdf>

Hebron gets noticed in Statewide publication:

In the latest edition of the Connecticut’s American Society of Landscape Architect’s (CTASLA) 2018 Annual Publication, there are several community downtown improvement projects that were highlighted. Hebron was one of those Town’s with a picture of the improvements that were done on the Hebron Green:

Three’s a charm

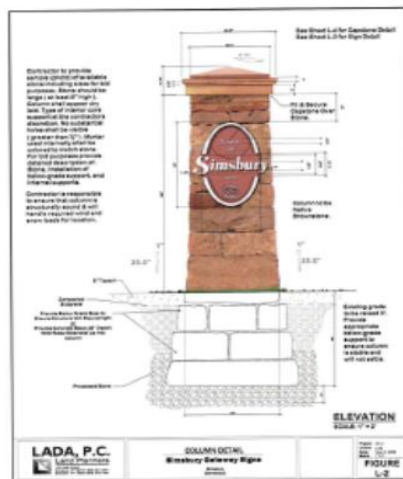
Three projects in our office exemplify how landscape architects affect the economy of an area.

The first is the most traditional: individual designs for a site. The lifestyle center known as the Shoppes at Farmington Valley, in Canton, provides retail space to the Route 44 corridor. Unlike a traditional strip mall, this lifestyle center has retained its businesses and provided tax revenue to the town even as retail struggles to define itself for the next generation.



Above: Shoppes at Farmington Valley. **Below left:** column detail for Simsbury gateway signage. **Below right:** Main Street, Town of Hebron.

On the other end of the spectrum, the design for the new entry sign to the Town of Simsbury was an immediate success as illustrated by being used in the town’s promotional brochures, which helped to elevate its status in several “best of” competitions. This project was a labor of love, which required over two years of work and the input of nearly 1,000 residents. It might not have generated any direct income, but it had a significant and immediate impact on the image of the town.



Finally, 20 years worth of small projects for the Town of Hebron have had a cumulative effect on the development of this suburban community. The vision for the town’s “new” Main Street took quite a while for people to get used to. Some objected to the removal of parking on the street, the addition of sidewalks, and the idea of spending money on a town green. Despite that, and done in incremental steps as money became available instead of a single dramatic project, success is undeniable. Hebron today is well known for its town green and revitalized Main Street. When Main Street business owners were interviewed for a pre-

sentation to the 2016 American Association of Planners national conference, respondents noted that they wanted to be on Main Street as it had become the “heart of the community.” Income for individual business was up and vacancies were low. Landscape architects might not get a lot of public credit for what we do — but what better testimonial do we need than that?

Terri Hahn, ASLA
LADA, P.C., Simsbury

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

This week we responded to 23 calls: 14 EMS, 3 service, 5 motor vehicle accidents and one vehicle fire.

LIBRARY:

Friday's Feature Film for May 4th at 1:00 is 'The Phantom Thread. The movie is rated R with a run-time of 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Monday nights are Knitting Nights! Join our knitting group any week at 6:30 and learn some new skills or to just work on your current project. All experience levels welcome.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Finally, the weather has improved so that exterior inspections on the October 1, 2018 Grand List can begin. Inspections on building permits that were issued after October 1, 2017, and the work completed, have started. The change in assessment for these improvements will not take effect until next year.

New construction has picked up in town, just over the past week there have been three Certificates of Occupancy issued. These properties will now have a final inspection for assessment purposes and pro-rated bills will be generated for this coming July. Reviewing the inspections of the Building Official, it appears there will be several others ready very soon as well.

Applications for the Elderly/Totally Disabled and Additional Veteran Tax Relief programs are due. The filling period for the Elderly/Totally Disabled ends May 15, 2018 and for the Additional Veteran applications is October 1, 2018. If you have questions regarding these programs, contact the Assessor's Office.

The Income and Expense forms have been sent to commercial rental properties, these forms are due on or before June 1, 2018.

Reminder; pro-rating a motor vehicle that had been sold, junked, totaled or registered out of state. The bills that came out in July 2017 are for vehicles registered from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. If you got rid of a vehicle and canceled the license plates any time during that assessment year, in order to have your bill pro-rated we require copies of the canceled plate receipt **AND** some form of documentation as to what happened to the vehicle such as a bill of sale. If the marker plates are not canceled or not used on another vehicle, the DMV will continue to list that vehicle as having a valid plate and continue to include it on the tax rolls. Please note that the DMV DOES NOT notify this office when a plate is canceled. With the new assessment year upon us, these same policies apply for vehicles registered as of October 1, 2017.

As always, the staff in the Assessor's Office is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the assessment process.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Parks

The parks crew is working on athletic fields for youth sports. We are also working on RHAM fields, as well as, landscaping around town properties.

Recreation



The image contains two promotional posters side-by-side. The left poster is for a 'Basic Cake Decorating' class. It features a photo of a decorated cake roll with strawberries. The text includes the Hebron Parks and Recreation logo, the class title 'Basic Cake Decorating', dates '5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19', time '6:00-8:30PM', instructor 'Linda Stevenson', location 'Gilead Hill School', fee '\$60 FEE NOT INCLUDING MATERIALS', and contact info '(860) 530 1281'. The right poster is for 'Hebron Parks Recreation' and 'Hebron Summer Adventure'. It features a photo of a group of people at an outdoor event. The text includes dates 'JUNE 25 AUGUST 24', the event title 'HEBRON SUMMER ADVENTURE', location 'AT Gilead Hill/ RHAM HIGH', age group 'ACCEPTING PREK-8TH GRADE', and activities 'TRIPS ALL THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT 3 DAYS A WEEK!!!!!!'. Both posters include contact information '(860) 530 1281' and a small 'PosterMyWall.com' watermark.

CO ED SOFTBALL League

TUES/THURS/SUN
5:00-8:30 PM
7/24-9/2

Signup
By
June
15th


Contact Person: Ryan Price
ryandavidprice@yahoo.com
www.hebronrecsports.com

ZUMBA fitness classes

JOIN THE party

every Wednesday
7:15pm-8:15pm
April 11th - May 23
\$70 fee
\$10 PER CLASS
gilead hill school
860-530-1281



PILATES



Timings:
Wednesday
6:30pm-7:15pm
3/28-5/9
5/16-6/20
\$70 Session

For more info,
860-530-1281



