

Significant Accomplishments during John Hickey's Term as Chairman 2017-2018

General Government

- Train and implement new Public Records Request Software from FIOA Direct – roll out to public
- Enhanced working relationship with School Department and new Superintendent of Schools

Finance

- Review and revise criteria for distribution of Aid to the Elderly and Infirm, including the addition of funds from the general fund matching private contribution.
- Determined use of hotel and/or meals tax revenue

Information Systems

- Selected and implemented new permitting software

Public Safety

- Selected a new Fire Chief
- Hiring of staff (Police & Fire)
- Ratified and signed contracts with both the Police Association and the Fire Association

Public Works

- Resurface track at Flahive Field
- Started reconstruction at Clapboardtree and Washington Street and North and High Street Interchanges

Facility Improvements

- Complete construction of the Islington Fire Station and set up custodial services
- Complete construction of the Police Station and set up custodial services
- Groundbreaking of the Dedham Westwood Water Bridge Street Water Treatment Facility

Community & Economic Development

- Determined the necessary commercial vs. residential development to maintain split tax rate
- Received Town Meeting approval for proposed redevelopment in Islington Center
- Approved construction of Pulte Condominiums at University Station

Culture, Recreation & Human Services

- Received Town Meeting funds to install lights on the High School tennis courts.

Youth & Family Services

- Use data collected in FY17 surveys to tailor programs, and/or create new programs, to meet the reported needs of the Westwood community

Health

- Hire a Public Health Nurse. Work with this new hire on redefining the role

Council on Aging

- Propose increase administrative hours from part time to full time (FY2019 budget)
- DPW oversaw renovations of the Center's building (new roof, repairs to siding, insulation and walkway etc.) with funds provided by Brigham & Women's