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Town Administrator's Announcements August 21, 2023

Chairman Day, Melisa Turcotte, Frank Moniz and I walked the Gamache Playground site last week. There is still some work remaining before the facility will be ready for public use. Frank and Melisa are working with a local contractor to advance the project.

As mentioned previously, I have been working with Middleborough Gas & Electric to develop a plan to install electric vehicle chargers for public use. The two locations under consideration are Town Hall and Loon Pond Lodge. The project will be funded through a grant and MG&E will maintain the equipment after it has been installed. MG&E staff was previously looking at discussing the proposal tonight, but there was some delay assembling the full package. We are now planning to bring the proposal to the Board on September 5.

The Town's contract with Boston Tavern for the operation of Loon Pond Lodge is due to expire on March 29, 2024. I have spoken with Melisa Turcotte about asking the Parks Commission to designate a liaison who can identify their issues and concerns as we move forward.

Work began this week on renovation to the veterans' memorial, located next to Old Town Hall. The initial phase involves replacing the flashing and borders. Further work will refresh the signage. Facilities is working in coordination with the Historical Commission to ensure that the renovations are consistent with the current presentation.

The Department of Revenue has certified the Town's Free Cash for FY 2024. The General Fund was certified at \$3,908,875, an amount that was aided by a one-time lease payment of \$2,150,000 for the Fern Street cell tower, while the Parks and Landfill enterprise funds were certified at \$56,887 and \$202,633, respectively. Great work as always by Town departments and especially Accounting.

The next regular meeting of the Select Board will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5th, at the Lakeville Police Station.