

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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Dear Residents of Shirley,

The summer has been a very busy one for the Town. We have had some turnover in the various departments over the last few months and we are moving through those transitions.

I would like to welcome our new Wiring Inspector Mark Prokoviev, along with our new Town Treasurer Janet Poitras. Mark has been the Alternate Wiring Inspector for the past three years and is a Master Electrician. Janet has been the Assistant Treasurer for over 14 years, making her more than qualified for the position she now holds. With those additions we have seen long time employees depart for new opportunities. Kevin Johnston accepted a job with the Town of Ayer and Jimmy Thibault retired. I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

The largest transition this summer has been within the Police Department. On July 1st the Town hired Interim Police Chief Robert DeMoura, a more than seasoned officer who has helped with the transition towards a permanent Police Chief. Chief DeMoura replaced long time officer and Chief Greg Massak. Chief DeMoura has been doing an outstanding job as Interim Chief. In a short period of time Chief DeMoura has been able to make changes, which are being seen throughout the community.

On July 28th the Board appointed Thomas Goulden as our new Police Chief and is currently in negotiations with him to begin employment in September. I want to thank the Police Chief Search Committee for all of their hard work and time devoted to finding the Town of Shirley a highly qualified professional.

The summer also brought a new fiscal year. The fiscal year began on July 1st, and now it's time to look towards Special Town Meeting on November 10, 2014. Our objective is to certify the 2014 Free Cash and allocate those funds at the Special Town Meeting. The Finance Team will create a plan that will be presented to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen for review. The objective is to have both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee approve the Free Cash plan prior to Special Town Meeting.

The Finance Team is also working on creating Financial Policies for the Town that will be reviewed and ratified by the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. These policies are vital to making the Town more solvent.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to my office. As always my door is open to all residents.

Sincerely,

Patrice Garvin,
Shirley Town Administrator