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TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

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1. The Town has received \$25,000 for Energy Conservation Projects for school and town buildings, secured by Representative David Rogers for the FY18 Legislative budget. I have spoken to the Superintendent and Energy Committee as to the best way to spend this appropriation. One idea that I have suggested is to outfit town buildings to have automatic light sensors. Some buildings have the automatic light sensors in town and some do not.
2. A staff meeting was held with the Cushing Square Merchants Association to hear their concerns regarding the ongoing construction in Cushing Square. Selectman Paolillo was in attendance and I have attached the agenda of the meeting. We are working to provide the business owners with information they requested as well as following up on their questions. Chief McLaughlin and Glenn Clancy have followed up on some of the concerns since we last met, and I am currently generating a response.
3. The Board of Health is holding two public forums this month. On Wednesday, March 14th the Board of Health is holding a public forum on Marijuana at 7pm at the Beth El Temple. The Board of Health is also holding a public forum on RATS on Thursday, March 15th at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.
4. We are receiving emails and calls requesting the hanging of banners throughout town. Given that there is no formal process and residents have been frustrated that they are bounced around from office to office seeking permission, I am working on a banner policy and procedure that I will be bringing to you at an upcoming meeting. I have been working with various departments and stakeholders on this policy and hope to have it before you in the next month. As the bylaw stands currently it does not regulate noncommercial signs placed on Town property, which the policy will address. The goal is to be fair and clear on the process. I will also be working with the schools in regard to the development of this policy.
5. We are currently working on a Compete Streets policy to bring to you at an upcoming meetings. As the Board knows this policy is an important first step to develop a prioritization plan that will allow the Town to seek funding for needed infrastructure throughout town.

6. At the April 2nd selectmen's meeting Senator Brownsberger requested the opportunity to update the Town on some MBTA Bus line initiatives. We have invited a representative from Cambridge's Community Development and Senator Brownberger is reaching out to have a representative from the MBTA present at the meeting.
7. Finally, The Cannabis Control Commission voted unanimously to accept the rules that will govern the marijuana industry. Under the new regulations there will be no social consumption or Home Delivery. However, the panel did reach a compromise that they will revisit the topic after the initial rollout of retail stores on July 1; Dispensaries Must Set Aside Product for Registered Patients; Cultivators Capped At 100,000 Square Feet; and People Convicted Of Trafficking Hard Drugs Essentially Barred From Industry.