

January 17th , 2023 Town Administrator Update:

- Our cybersecurity assessment was performed by Northeast IT on Wednesday, January 4th. We now await the draft report for review, but I am very pleased to report that the preliminary assessment was that we are in better shape than many other small towns in the area. I intend to use the results of this assessment to apply for a Community Compact IT grant in the upcoming cycle, assuming the grant is still in place.
- I attended a First Amendment Audits training put on by MMA. During a First Amendment Audit, people come in to record, on camera or cell phone, public employees as they go about their business. This can be disturbing to many, and MMA provided practical advice for how to deal with it, including the creation of employee only spaces, which I am discussing with staff. The main advice is to stay calm and keep doing our jobs.
- I attended a day long Emergency Operations Center basic operations training at the UMass Police Station. It was very informative and I look forward to working with the Emergency Management Department staff to bring our EOC up to date.
- All budget requests were due last Friday and I am inputting them all into the Omnibus in advance of next week's joint budget meetings with the Selectboard.