

## President's Message



*Christopher J. Bouchard*

Hello members,

I hope this letter finds everyone healthy as we still deal with COVID.

It seems as though spring and summer have rocketed by and we have been busier than ever. We need to

continue to focus and advocate for an increase in Chapter 90 funding and a multi-year package for planning and executing projects. We also need to push for an additional release from the state's \$5B in surplus revenue this year. Now is the time to ask. As we found out this year, with price increases and shortages of goods and services, we are doing less with the funding we currently receive once again.

The state will have a financial reason why they say they can't increase funding over multiple years, but it is important to point out that Chapter 90 gets spent with LOCAL IN-STATE BUSINESSES that employ RESIDENTS / TAXPAYERS. This will be spent repairing 80-percent of the road miles of infrastructure that the cities and towns are tasked to maintain, resulting in improved infrastructure, jobs, and tax revenue - all retained in our state. This is the true way to spur our own economy and job creation in Massachusetts. We also must stress the importance of a timely release of the funds so that we may bid and award contracts early in the spring, working within the short weather window that we have in Massachusetts to get quality work completed.

One of the challenges we and contractors are struggling with is a labor shortage which will affect capacity for projects in the coming year and increase costs. We will be having this as a topic at future events, succession, retention and recruitment planning and what we can do to help mitigate this problem.

State Auditor Suzanne Bump released a report on Western Mass infrastructure and how there has been inadequate support to develop and maintain it. See links for more information.

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## 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of TRI-COUNTY and MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

The 69th Annual Joint Meeting will be held at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

9:00 A.M. Registration – Coffee

10:00 A.M. - Massachusetts Pre-Apprenticeship and Workforce Development Program with Jeff Cathcart, Manager Massachusetts Vocational PreApprenticeship Program, UMASS Transportation Center Workforce Development Program and Cindy Schaedig, Program Coordinator Baystate Roads Program, UMass Transportation Center

11:00 A.M. - CDL Licensing and Impacts to the Industry with Patrick Rahlke, Regional Manager, Detroit Diesel Corporation

12:00 P.M. Social Hour – Cash Bar followed by a Prime Rib Dinner at 12:30 P.M.

TICKETS: \$50.00 per person, including tax and gratuity, payable in advance with reservations. Positively no refunds on tickets. No tickets will be sold on the day of the meeting. These restrictions are necessary so that we may make a proper guarantee. A notice and reservation blank has been sent out to all Tri-City and MHA members.

## 42<sup>nd</sup> New England Public Works Expo was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Boxborough



After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the 42nd NE Public Works Expo was back- and was another sold out show!

The event was held in Boxborough with 1648 public works attendees, and nearly 200 vendors. As the premier show in New England, attendees were able to see the latest equipment and services.

Thank you to all of the vendors and attendees for helping make our 2021 Expo such a success.

Adamson Industries, Advantage Truck, Allegiance Trucks, Atlantic Broom, Bartlett Consolidated, BETA Group, Chadwick BaRoss, CN Wood, Environmental Partners, Eastern Minerals, Felix Marino Company, Franklin Paint, Green International, Highway Rehab, JC Madigan, McGovern Auto / Municipal, Northeast Fire Apparatus, Northeast Traffic Control Services, Rock and Recycling Equipment, Safe Road Services, St. Pierre Chains, Tri State Diesel, United Agriculture & Turf

# Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Legislative Update

By Ariela Lovett, Legislative Analyst, MMA

On July 16, Governor Baker signed a \$350 million transportation bond bill that maintained the Chapter 90 local road and bridge program at \$200 million for FY 22 and added \$150 million across six municipal grant programs - \$25 million each for the municipal small bridge program; a bottleneck relief program; transit-supportive infrastructure; municipal bus transit; municipal mass transit access; and electric vehicles and related infrastructure. These grant programs were originally authorized through the omnibus transportation bond bill passed at the end of the 2020-2021 legislative session.

The MMA and MHA have long advocated with the Legislature and the Governor's Administration to increase Chapter 90 funding to at least \$300 million per year, indexed to inflation, and to pass multiyear bills in order to assist with local planning efforts. Although the state has added several targeted, competitive road funding opportunities for municipalities in recent years, the MMA continues to argue in its testimony that "there is no substitute for the core Chapter 90 program," which is "the only non-competitive program that maintains local control over how to spend the dollars on local road projects" and the only one that benefits all 351 cities and towns.

The MMA is also advocating for a portion of the state's nearly \$5 billion FY 21 budget surplus to be allocated to the Chapter 90 program as one-time supplemental funding. In letters to the Governor and the House and Senate Ways & Means Committee in recent months, the MMA asked for a \$200 million cash outlay for the Chapter 90 program as part of the customary close-out budget bill that closes the books on the fiscal year. The letters cite the precedent of a \$40 million cash appropriation from the FY 18 state surplus and a \$20 million cash appropriation FY 2019 state surplus that were signed by the Governor. The MMA is urging MHA members and other stakeholders to contact their legislators ASAP in support of this advocacy effort for \$200 million in supplemental funding for the Chapter 90 program from the FY 21 state budget surplus.

MassDOT recently launched the new local bottleneck reduction program, authorized through the 2021 transportation bond bill, as a competitive grant program to fund innovative solutions to address local congestion bottlenecks at intersections. Project grants will target improvements to individual signalized intersections or small corridors with multiple signalized intersections that contribute to travel delays. Funds are to be used to address operational delays that are created from poor traffic signal timing, outdated equipment, or the lack of adequate vehicle detection to promote efficient movement of traffic for all approaches. Every municipality in Massachusetts is eligible to apply, with applications accepted through November 15 via MaPIT. MassDOT anticipates that project grants in the first round will range between \$50,000-\$200,000; MassDOT's Capital Investment Plan allocates \$2.5 million to the program for FY 22. More information on the program can be found [here](#).

MassDOT has updated its Chapter 90 program web portal and released several new informational resources related to the program that are targeted to municipalities. A new Municipal Guidance Document reviews eligible expenses under the program and details project planning and implementation processes that are considered best practices. The guidance document also provides instructions for municipalities on how to use MaPIT, a GIS-driven project initiation and screening tool developed by MassDOT that will now support Chapter

90 project requests. MaPIT replaces paper-based Chapter 90 request forms, which have been transferred to this online system. Another new resource developed by MassDOT is a planning toolkit, with Excel spreadsheets that provide templates of the following documents: Annual Chapter 90 Checklist; Asset Condition List; Bridge Inventory List; Infrastructure Budget; Project Planning; Project Prioritization Matrix (unweighted and weighted).

MassDOT notes that these new resources do not change any rules or regulations set forth for the Chapter 90 program and do not impact the funding authorizations established by the governor and the Legislature.

A study published in early October by State Auditor Suzanne Bump, titled Public Infrastructure in Western Massachusetts: A Critical Need for Regional Investment and Revitalization, concludes that communities in Western Massachusetts have been left without the tools necessary to maintain or develop public roadways, buildings and broadband internet as a result of a declining population, geographic challenges, and a lack of overall resources.

With the release of the study, the auditor's office is calling for a Rural Rescue Plan that would increase funding for the Chapter 90 local road and bridge program by 50%, to \$300 million annually; create a public infrastructure agency; and continue investments in expanding access to broadband internet. The study finds that the maintenance of roads, bridges and culverts is a significant issue facing Western Massachusetts, where much of this infrastructure is in a state of disrepair. The recommendations laid out in the document include an endorsement of the MMA's long-standing request to increase annual Chapter 90 funding to at least \$300 million. The auditor's office is also calling for a revision to the distribution formula, which, the study contends, favors more populated areas of the state, a disparity that has led to crumbling roadways and development challenges in Western Massachusetts.

The MMA is holding its Annual Meeting and Trade Show as an in-person event at the Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel in Boston on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22, 2022. MHA is sponsoring a workshop on recruitment and succession planning for a new generation of public works professionals, which will also feature an update from MassDOT on grant opportunities and other available resources. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 from 1:15-2:30 PM. The MHA Board also plans to host a trade show booth at the event.



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## New CDL Regulations Effective in 2022

*The following is a summary of a letter dated October 1, 2021, from the Division Administrator, Richard R. Bates, of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Burlington, MA.*

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has promulgated an Entry-Level Drivers' Training (ELDT) rule for those drivers obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or certain endorsements for the first time.

Effective **February 7, 2022**, individuals seeking a commercial driver license in the State of Massachusetts will be required to complete theory and/or behind-the-wheel training as described in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) Part 380, Appendix A. This requirement applies to CDL applicants:

- Obtaining a Class A or B CDL for the first time; or
- Upgrading an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtaining a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The ELDT regulations are not retroactive. Individuals holding a valid CDL, an unexpired commercial learner's permit (CLP), or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022, are not required to take the respective training for that license or endorsement. Individuals exempted by their State from CDL or testing requirements are also exempt from the ELDT requirements.

CDL applicants will be required to select a training provider listed on the Training Provider Registry website at <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov> to complete their required entry-level driver training. Only training providers that have registered with and been approved by FMCSA will appear on this list. When registering, training providers will be required to self-certify that they meet all the Federal requirements in the ELDT regulations, as well as any applicable State requirements.

Questions about this or any other regulation may be directed to Division Administrator, Richard Bates, at 781-425-3210, or State Programs Specialist Matthew Poirier at 781-425-3212.

### BETA Group, Inc. welcomes Emily Slotnick, CFM, AICP Climate Resiliency Manager



Emily brings expertise in hazard mitigation planning, climate adaptation, municipal vulnerability preparedness, and disaster recovery.

Join us in welcoming Emily to the BETA team! She can be reached at [ESlotnick@BETA-Inc.com](mailto:ESlotnick@BETA-Inc.com)



## Fall APWA New England Chapter Conference

*By Lisa Demeo, Salisbury*

Several members of the MHA Board attended the 2021 New England Chapter APWA Fall conference on October 4-6.

This conference is typically held in the spring but was pushed back a few months to improve compliance with COVID regulations. The conference was well attended, and educational sessions covered relevant topics.

The guest of honor was APWA National President, Mary Joyce Ivers. Mary Joyce was impressed with the hospitality and comradery of the New England Chapter.

Several honors were given out at the Chapter Banquet. Top 10 PW Official of the year, Brutus Cantoreggi received his plaque from Mary Joyce. It was good to see Brutus receive this in front of the 'hometown crowd.'

Lisa M. Schaeffler, P.W.M., Assistant Director of Public Works from Williston, VT and a member of the Board of Directors, New England APWA was selected as the chapter's Member of the Year.



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## OSHA 10 Hour Construction Training – Virtual Classroom November 2-3, 2021

## Snow and Ice Operations for Supervisors – Virtual Classroom November 9, 2021 | November 18, 2021 | November 23, 2021

## Snow and Ice Operations for Front Line Employees November 10, 2021 | November 17, 2021

## Effective Beaver Management- Virtual Classroom November 17, 2021

## Flagger/First Aid Training – Virtual Classroom November 23, 2021

## Design of ADA Curb Ramps and Pedestrian Access Routes – Virtual Classroom November 30, 2021

## OSHA 10 Hour Construction Training – Virtual Classroom November 2-3, 2021

*The OSHA Outreach Ten Hour virtual Construction Training Program provides training on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of workplace hazards. Classes also provide overview information regarding OSHA, including workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint. All OSHA 10 Hour Construction Training is intended to cover an overview of the hazards a worker may encounter on a job site. Training emphasizes hazard identification, avoidance, control, and prevention, not OSHA standards.*

**Due to this being a virtual training, and in order to receive OSHA credit, participants MUST have a working speaker/mic and a camera. The camera MUST be on for the duration of the class.**

*\*This class has been approved for 10 TCHs for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, as well as System Inspector (SI) and Soil Evaluator (SE) renewal or activation under the Massachusetts Title 5 program.*

## Snow and Ice Operations for Supervisors – Virtual Classroom

**November 9, 2021 | November 18, 2021 | November 23, 2021**

*Snow and Ice Operations for Supervisors is designed for those in a supervisory role. This course will cover much of the same material in Snow and Ice Operations for Front Line Workers but will add more technical information that management staff will benefit from.*

*The course will consist of three separate zoom sessions. All sessions will need to be attended to receive Baystate Roads credit and course certificate.*

*A zoom link will be provided once you have completed the registration.*

## Snow and Ice Operations for Front Line Employees

**November 10, 2021 | November 17, 2021**

*While all are welcome to attend regardless of their position with a DPW, Snow and Ice Operations for Front Line Employees is designed for plow operators and those who are directly involved in snow removal.*

*The course consists of two separate zoom sessions from 8:30 am -10:30 am. Both sessions need to be attended to receive Baystate Roads credit and certificate.*

*A zoom link will be provided once you have completed the registration.*

## Effective Beaver Management- Virtual Classroom

**November 17, 2021**

Beavers are starting to get ready for winter now, so their tree cutting and damming are about to kick into high gear! Road culverts are the most common beaver damming locations. Nearly every road culvert can be protected from beaver damming. Attend this training and find out how you can protect your road culverts. These techniques will save you time, money, aggravation and improve road safety.

## Flagger/First Aid Training – Virtual Classroom

**November 23, 2021**

*Flagging is a very important and demanding job whether it be in a work zone, during utility installation or repair, or during an emergency road hazard situation. This course will provide first aid training as required by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, as well as Flagger Certification which are valid for 2 years.*

## Design of ADA Curb Ramps and Pedestrian Access Routes – Virtual Classroom

**November 30, 2021**

*This virtual live instructor led course is designed to ensure that pedestrian facilities and access routes, in particular curb ramps, along our roadways are properly design and constructed for all individuals, including those with disabilities. The training was developed to provide information and best practices for those involved in the design and maintenance of curb ramps and pedestrian facilities, and for those individuals who ensure the compliance to applicable accessibility laws and guidelines. The information is presented from the perspective of the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), a best practice for accessible pedestrian facilities in the public rights-of-way.*

*The course will include a brief overview of the ADA, FHWA requirements, group exercise designing curb ramps, and video presentations by the United States Access Board to provide the attendees with background information and points-of-view of persons with disabilities navigating our pedestrian network.*




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# Driver Skills and Safety Training Event (aka Snowplow Rodeo)

By Chris Bouchard, Chair

MHA held its annual event on July 14th at Wachusett Mountain with great weather and some slight taillight damage. We were also able to travel to the National Finals in Loveland, Colorado on September 29th thru October 1st to represent Massachusetts.

Thank you to all the judges who are what makes this event happen; without them we couldn't get it done. Thank you also to ATG trucks, Schmidt Equipment (United AG), and the Town of South Hadley for the trucks and equipment that were used at the event. Lastly, thank you to the MHA Board of Directors and Driver Skills Committee for supporting this hands-on training event.

## MHA Rodeo results

### Single Axle Truck:

1st place: Town of Wellesley Joe Clinton and Robert Zani

2nd place: Town of Arlington Gene Cody and Billy Smith,

3rd place: Town of Southbridge Jonathan Camosse and Fred Meyer

### Loader:

1st place: Town of Yarmouth Mike Packett

2nd place: Jimmy Charzenski

3rd place: City of Newton: Peter Calore



## National Rodeo results

### Single Axle truck:

Town of Wellesley, 15th out of 40 teams

### Wheel Loader:

Town of Milford, 21st out of 41 teams

### Skidsteer:

Co-chair Jamie Boyer, Town of West Stockbridge, 24th out of 51 teams and Grader 5th out of 31 teams.

On the day of the event, we found out that if we compete in all five events, there is an overall team winner for the event. We look forward to next year.

Special recognition to the APWA NE teams for the Town of Oxford finishing 2nd in the ten-wheeler and RI Public works for a 5th place finish in the single axle truck.

Congratulations to everyone on representing MHA and NE APWA at the Western Snow and Ice Conference.



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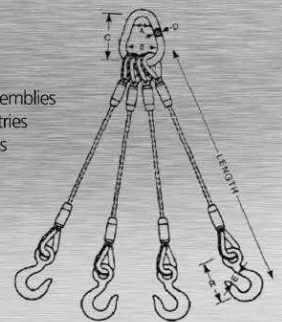
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# County Association News

## Barnstable County – Roby Whitehouse

No report

## Berkshire County – Curt Wilton

2022 Association President, Justin Russell from the Town of Peru, 2022 Association Vice-President, Chip Dazelle from the Town of Huntington

Berkshire County is in the far Western fringe of Massachusetts and is comprised of cities and towns covered by Mass DOT District #1 in Lenox. We, as an association, are one of the smallest and most active organizations in the Commonwealth. I would like to thank all the members for their support and service throughout our 42 years of existence. Special thanks to our long time Secretary Jerry Coppola and Treasurer Bill Elovirta. Without the work ethic and passion that both these men possess, the association would not be where it is today.

COVID-19 still grips the state and has forced us cancel and adjust our normal routines, but the “new normal” has made us all more resilient and creative as we strive to continue fulfilling our duties as public servants.

Our 2022 events have been set but as always are subject to change:

**\*April 28, 2022/** 1st Meeting/Workshop, Tavern at the A. (agenda TBA).

**\*June 10, 2022/** Annual Charity Golf Tournament, (venue TBA). Last year's event raised \$4,200 for the Autism Collaborative of the Berkshires

**\*June 23, 2022/** 2nd Meeting Workshop, Tavern at the A. (agenda TBA).

**\*July, 2022/** Driver Skills and Training (look for dates and location). Berkshire County Association will be sponsoring teams from the county to compete

**\*August 25, 2022/** 3rd Meeting/Workshop, Tavern at the A. (agenda TBA).

**\*September 16, 2022/** 38th Annual Equipment Show & Picnic, Hinsdale Fire Grounds.

**\*October 27th, 2022/** Annual Conclusion Meeting and Scholarship Awards, Tavern at the A.

### New Superintendent positions;

**Blandford:** Dave Waldron

**Dalton:** Edward “Bud” Hall

**Hinsdale:** John Murray

**Plainfield:** Walter Jennings

**West Stockbridge:** Jamie Boyer

In closing, I would also like to thank Chris Bouchard, President of Mass. Highway Association, and the Board of Directors and Trustees. The work these individuals put into the organization should never go unnoticed. The effort and commitment by all keep our voice heard as we strive to meet our goals. “Public Works, first to respond, last to leave.”

## Essex County – Michael Hale

Andover is beginning to implement a change to its winter operations by producing its own brine and pre-treating roads beginning this winter.

### **City of Gloucester ends 30-year EPA Consent Decree**

The City of Gloucester has recently been released from a Consent

Decree it has operated under for the last three decades, achieving an important milestone for the City, community, and local environment. Under the leadership of Gloucester Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, Director of Public Works Michael Hale, and foundational efforts from previous administrations and leaders, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has terminated the Consent Decree initially put into place in the 1980s to improve coastal environmental quality and rehabilitate aging infrastructure. Moving forward will require working closely with the EPA and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to ensure that Gloucester continues to protect and preserve its beaches and ecosystems through sustained investment in the City's public infrastructure.

“Our City has to remain focused on what makes us Gloucester. We rely on our coasts, and we can't ever take that for granted. Ending the Consent Decree and continuing to work closely with the EPA and DEP are vital steps in ensuring our community and economy is strong and resilient,” shared Mayor Theken.

Government officials of the vibrant coastal city are working to tackle key issues, and 2021 marks an important year for the City's environmental history. As the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to guide municipalities and implement important regulations, Gloucester is trusted to move forward in adhering to all guidelines, regulations, and mandates set forth by the EPA and DEP.

“We can now put the Consent Decree behind us, and we are excited to move to the next steps with government agencies and encouraged that we are on the right path. We thank Mayor Theken for her leadership and support with everything we do, including our environmental initiatives, and we will remain focused on compliance and do all we can to make sure that Gloucester steers clear of anything like this in the future,” Mr. Hale stated.

Under its current leadership, the City will continue to focus on implementing climate focused initiatives to protect and improve the City's invaluable environmental resources. Supporting these efforts will require exploring available local, state, and federal funding sources to assist the City in taking on these critical infrastructure projects.

## Norfolk-Bristol-Middlesex – Robert Cantoreggi

No report

## Plymouth County – John Haines

On October 20th, our annual Ralph Hayward Jr. Equipment Show returned in a new location at the Marshfield Fair Grounds. The fairgrounds proved to be the perfect location for our revamped event providing for more than a dozen area vendors to display an array of various pieces of equipment. Going along with our efforts to continue to revamp and reenergize the association, we combined the Equipment Show with our Snow and Ice Driver Training event. We had 10 South Shore towns send teams to compete this year. Team Carver was the overall event winner and will be advancing into next summer's Mass Highway Association Statewide event to represent Plymouth County.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our regular monthly membership meeting in November.

### Tri-County – Rob Colson

The annual joint meeting of the Tri-County and Mass Highway Associations is being held on November 9, 2021, at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA. Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. (Please note: the annual meeting was rescheduled from the original date on our calendars of 11/18/2021.)

Our annual golf outing was at Southampton Country Club on August 19, 2021. We hope everyone who attended had a great day and is staying healthy.

### Worcester County – Scott Crisafulli

WCHA kicked off the 2021 season with the annual Venders Appreciation Day at Wachusett Mountain on June 8th. The day was sold out and attended by lots of venders and guests. The clam bake lunch was great followed by a very funny motivational speaker who added to a very needed, successful event. We had our annual Golf Tournament in September followed by a steak dinner and lots of great Country Store gifts and a sold-out course. Our October meeting was cancelled, but our November 30th meeting is scheduled, and details TBA.

We would like to congratulate Jimmy Charzenski from Milford Highway Department for winning his way to Colorado for the APWA National Snowplow Rodeo in the loader competition. This was Jimmy's second time heading to Colorado to compete and he placed 14th overall.



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<https://www.mass.gov/report/public-infrastructure-in-western-massachusetts-a-critical-need-for-regional-investment-and-revitalization>

Governor releases final 2030 Master Trash and Recycling Plan. This is going to be a hot topic for discussion as there are going to be some significant costs incurred by cities and towns to meet this plan that could be unattainable without significant investments in infrastructure and markets for recyclables to be used in. Right now, there is not a lot of capacity for the mattress and textiles recycling mandate in 11/22. MRF's that accept a lot of the municipal recycling will need to change, to start accepting plastics that have been no longer accepted and will need to find markets for them, organic waste recycling will need to be grown as it currently does not exist in many parts of the state. Electric and hybrid trucks are plentiful, and the ones that do exist are triple the cost of diesel-powered ones. Cold weather also affects batteries and performance. As we are coming out of the pandemic, we are just beginning to see a reduction in what has been disposed due to a large percent of the population has transitioned to working from home, ordering more online and not eating out. Now is not the time to roll this out without the resources that will be required to meet the goals of this plan. See link for more info.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-releases-final-2030-solid-waste-master-plan>

I hope you had a chance to attend our Annual Meeting, Charity Golf or Driver Skills Events or the NE Public Works Expo as these were all great events after a year without them. Thank you to all the committees for your hard work with these great events this year. I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Although the work we do may seem routine to us, nothing we do is unimportant!

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Christopher J. Bouchard

President MHA

## Newsletter update

This **Fall 2021 Newsletter** is being distributed digitally only and is on the MHA website at [masshwy.org](http://masshwy.org). If you are a member of MHA and not receiving the newsletter, please contact editor Bill Elovirta at [bille@msn.com](mailto:bille@msn.com) with your email address. All advertisers have a link to their websites. Please support our advertisers. All news items should be sent to your MHA County Director or directly to the editor. The next issue will be distributed in Spring 2022.

## Annual Election of Officers

At the December 10, 2020, Virtual Board of Government meeting, a discussion was held regarding the 2021 Election of Officers. Discussion ensued that the COVID-19 pandemic had cancelled most meetings and Expo and that no one knew what the future year would bring. Ultimately, the Board voted to cancel the election of officers for 2021 and keep all elected and appointed officers in place until the next election in May 2022.

## 2021 MHA Larry Bombara Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

*By Ryan Bartlett, Charity Golf Chairman*

On August 17, 2021, the Mass Highway Association held its 11th annual charity golf tournament. This year, the tournament was renamed in honor of Larry Bombara, who passed away in September 2020.

Each year, we recognize a long-standing member who has made significant contributions to the Mass Highway Association. Proceeds raised from the event are given to the charity of the honoree's choice.

The 2021 honoree Tom Reynolds chose the American Heart Association and the Jimmy Fund as this year's charities.

We were honored to host both the Bombara and Reynolds families at the event.

We would like to extend a giant thank you to all attendees, sponsors and volunteers who made this event a success!

A special thank you to Tom Reynolds for his many years of service to the Mass Highway Association. Tom has volunteered countless hours in service to the MHA. Thank you, Tom!

The following companies provided door prizes:

**Indus**, Putting mat; **ATG**, D&D gift card; **Muni Tech**, Patriots pull over; **BETA**, Yeti Cooler; **Marshfield DPW**, putter with hockey stick shaft; **Highway Rehab**, Gas Grill; **Seal Master**, Visa & Home Depot gift card; **Felix Marino**, D&D gift card. **Weston & Sampson**, 4 Red Sox tickets; **Atlantic Broom Service**, Brookmeadow gift card; **Joe Welch**, Golf bag; **Bartlett Consolidated**, Whiskey; **Essex County Highway Association**, Stainless Steel Coozies; **Green International Affiliates**, LL Bean gift card & Spatula



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