

Business Agent Jim Marks' Report

April 2020

Contracts currently in negotiations:

- Ashby Dispatchers
- Ashby Sewer
- Auburn Custodians
- First Student Bay-Path Drivers
- City of Haverhill Retirement
- Merrimac Police
- Merrimac Sewer
- Newburyport Administrative Assistants
- Salisbury Department Heads
- Transgas Drivers

Contracts starting soon:

- Ashby DPW
- City of Haverhill: Engineering, Library, Clerks, Citizen Center, Water Purification, Water, Water Techs, Inspectional Services and Animal Control/Custodians
- First Student Fitchburg/Leominster
- Transgas Mechanics

Ashby Dispatchers: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ratification vote has been postponed and we will be looking to re-schedule it as soon as possible.

Ashby Sewer: The contract ratification vote is on hold until the Covid-19 crisis has subsided.

Auburn Custodians: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, negotiations are on hold and I will be looking to resume negotiations as soon as it is safe to do so.

First Student Bay Path Drivers: Negotiations continue; we have made some nice progress. Hopefully, we will have something soon for our members to vote on.

City of Haverhill Retirement: Negotiations are on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. Hopefully, we will be back at the table soon.

Merrimac Police: Negotiations are ongoing; we have made some progress. We will be meeting again in a few weeks.

Merrimac Sewer: A contract ratification vote is on hold due to COVID-19. I look forward to getting this group together real soon.

Newburyport Administrative Assistants: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been able to schedule a ratification vote. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Salisbury Department Heads: We are reviewing the tentative agreement and hopefully we will get this group together once the COVID-19 crisis subsides.

Transgas: Negotiations are on hold and we will be looking for new dates once the pandemic crisis subsides.

I would like to thank all my members on the front lines who are essential employees and continue to work during the COVID-19 pandemic putting their own life at risk helping the communities they service. Please remember, social distancing and handwashing will help move us in the right direction and will help to prevent new cases.

It's been another busy month with grievance meetings, proposal meetings and negotiations. During the month I have been in and out of my assignments addressing concerns and talking to members.

I would like to thank all my Shop Stewards for their continued support, as well as the outstanding job they do each and every day.

As always, I would like to thank Secretary-Treasurer/Principal Officer Shannon George for his continued support, as well as the Business Agents and Executive Board for the job they do.

Respectfully submitted,

Business Agent Jim Marks