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2015 NATICK TOWN REPORT DEDICATED TO KEN SODERHOLM

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NATICK – Officials are dedicating the 2015 town report to longtime volunteer Ken Soderholm, Town Administrator Martha White told Town Meeting Tuesday.

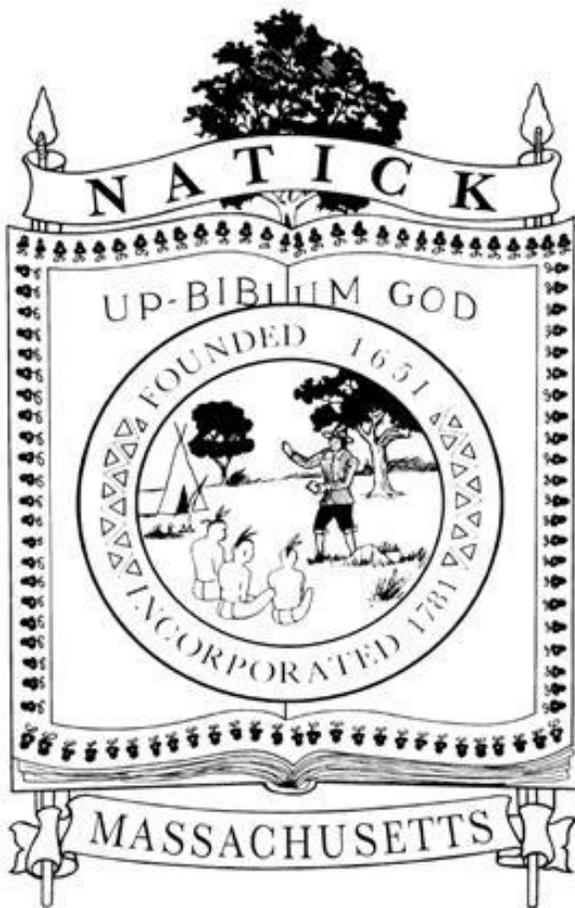
White praised Soderholm for time he has dedicated to volunteering for youth sports and other groups as well as serving on a variety of town boards including the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

His “extraordinary leadership” has contributed to the town’s quality of life and economic security, White said.

Soderholm said he was honored by the dedication and enjoys his volunteer activities. Everyone in the room deserves some recognition for their volunteer service, he told Town Meeting.

Town Meeting gave him a standing ovation.

236th Annual Report
of the
Town of Natick
Massachusetts



Year Ending December 31, 2015

Dedication

Ken Soderholm



The 2015 Natick Town Report is dedicated to long-time volunteer Ken Soderholm. Ken's extraordinary leadership over the last 25 years has contributed to the Town's quality of life and economic security.

Ken has served Natick as a member and chair of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Lookout Farm Advisory Committee and MetroWest Growth Management Committee (now the MetroWest Regional Collaborative), as Ken understands that Natick is a vital part of a diverse and dynamic region.

Ken has also stepped up to serve on many, many project-focused committees, including the Sawin House, Cochituate Aqueduct Trail, West Natick Fire Station, Conservation Fund Study, Downtown Natick Study, Eliot School RFP, MWRA Water Tunnel Mitigation Task Force, MWRA Aqueduct Access study, and Leach Lane Sewer Extension Working Group.

In addition, Ken has volunteered outside of local government to the benefit of the community, as a Director of the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust and the Natick Historical Society, and as coach with the Youth Recreation League Basketball, with Little League, Babe Ruth League and Summer Travel League youth baseball, as builder of the new cupola atop The Center For the Arts in Natick, and on TCAN's Building Committee for the upcoming second floor film theater.

Throughout his volunteer career, Ken has brought a thoughtful and balanced approach to public service, with respect for stewardship of our natural and historic legacy, and with a thoughtful perspective on permitting and development. He has lent his expertise on areas ranging from walking trails in South Natick to the expansion of the Natick Mall, all achieved with a style of leadership that brings people together productively and for a common purpose.

Ken treasures the community of Natick and has enjoyed raising his family here, including his grown sons, daughter and grandchildren. With the Town's recent collaboration in securing permanent public access to Pegan Hill, shown on the cover of this report, it is fitting that Ken Soderholm's exemplary service to Natick be recognized.