Town Administrator Update, 12-20-21

CARES: The town has submitted for its final payment for the CARES Act, and Conway spent a total $134,189.77 on covid related expenses from March of 2020 through October of 2021. Most of these funds were spent on personal protective equipment for both the town and grammar school, with some for contact tracing through the FRCOG.

Public Safety Building: The Highway, Fire, Police and Ambulance departments met to discuss the future layout of the old highway garage. The proposed layout is for the Fire Department to take the three bays to the right as you face the building, with Ambulance to the left of Fire and the Police to the far left. There was some discussion of the potential to put office for each of the departments within the building in the back of three of the bays, with a connecting hallway so these offices could be accessible by the public. The departments will continue to research this as a possibility as a working group, if the Selectboard approves that action.

ARPA working group: The group met on the 9th and discussed the possibility of using some of the ARPA funds to obtain rapid covid tests to be distributed through the town office and town hall.

MTWP: The Forest & Trails committee met with representatives from MassAudubon and New England Forestry to discuss the possibility of re-working the town's forest management plans to align with a new format being developed including sustainability, which would allow the town to apply for future funding.

Meeting with school superintendent and the 4 town TAs: We discussed requests for ARPA funding, including capital requests by the schools, as well as covid updates.

Opiod Settlement: Conway has sent in the settlement participation forms for both the distributors and the J & J settlements.

Training: I completed my second MCPPO class on Design and Construction Contracting and will begin the third and final class in February. The last class is self-directed over a nine-week period.