

June 27, 2022 Town Administrator Update:

- Just an FYI that the most recent materials bids have just come in from the FRCOG, and I asked how the prices looked for FY23. This was the reply 'The increases vary depending on the product or service. In general, products unrelated to Petroleum Products (except for fuel embedded in delivery costs like aggregates and guardrail) were stable to about 12% higher. Hot Mix Asphalt and the application of pavement was up 17-20% across the board. There was a lot of grant money including increased winter repair and Ch90 funding in play this year making our estimated volumes of products and services quite a lot higher. Higher volume helps to keep the unit costs down which is why we believe we didn't see dramatic increases in some areas. Items like water and culvert pipe and geotextile fabrics remain difficult to find and have long delivery times.' These price increases will be affecting the highway and transfer station department projects for FY23.
- To date we have advertised twice in the Greenfield Recorder for the assistant to the town administrator's position and received 1 application. We also advertised again for the highway assistant's position and have not received any applications. This trend of not being able to find staff for these important, albeit part time, positions is affecting towns across the county and beyond.