

August 15, 2022 Town Administrator Update:

- I met with Phil and Amanda today to discuss the update to the emergency operations center manual, which we will be undertaking soon. Amanda is updating the Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) for MEMA, and I will be reviewing the town's 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan so we can incorporate all three for future emergency planning.
- I attended the MIIA Risk Management webinar today, and again heard that professional liability (claims for discrimination, accommodations, etc.) as well as attritional losses (lack of preventive and routine maintenance of property) are the two largest insurance concerns at this time for MIIA communities. I will be applying for the MIIA grants again this year (last year we were granted but unable to purchase some new ladders for the transfer station) for ladders, multi factor authentication and possibly some other safety equipment for the Highway Department. Slips, trips and falls are their biggest safety concern. I also learned that Massachusetts is moving to becoming a State Plan State with regards to OSHA.
<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/06292022> Thankfully, the solid waste district has already provided OSHA training for our TSA's.
- Last week the website working group met with Montague WebWorks, who is designing our new website. They have a template up for us to look at and review, and the next step the town needs to take is to decide upon the hierarchy of buttons on the front page, i.e. what are the big topics we want listed, and what will be nested under each big topic. Once the town has that in order, it shouldn't take too long for the website to go live.