

September 26, 2022 Town Administrator Update:

- I have requested a training from Blackboard connect, which is the software the town uses for emergency notifications, as I discovered those who sign up through the online portal come to a different area in the program than the ‘recipients’ listed. If anyone would like to join me in the training, please let me know.
- I attended the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) webinar hosted by the state, to see what Federal funds might be coming to the town for bridge and road repair, among other things. Unfortunately it seems that the funds being allocated are channeled through a revolving loan as opposed to an outright grant. There is some loan forgiveness for municipalities meeting certain criteria; as of right now I don’t believe Conway fits into any of those criteria.
- For those who are not aware, there is a sharps collection program which Conway residents may participate in, with the closest location being the Deerfield Board of Health, 8 Conway Street, from 10-4 on Wednesdays. Residents may pick up proper sharps containers there as well as drop off full containers.
- I am planning to apply for Massachusetts Office of Disability (MOD) grant for a lift for Town Hall. A representative from Garaventa, which has supplied lifts for Whately and comes highly recommended, came to do a site visit to the Town Hall last week, along with a couple of members of the Public Buildings committee. The quote came in at \$51,670.60 for a vertical wheelchair lift going from the downstairs bathroom area to the upstairs bathroom area (this would of course be separate and apart from the bathrooms) with entry doors in the hallways. This quote is for the lift and installation only; the town would need to contract out creating the shaft. See attached quote.
- Chris, Ron and I met to review the list of highway equipment and begin the process of creating an updated capital needs spreadsheet.