February 21ˢᵗ , 2023 Town Administrator Update:

- The town has $11,111.04 in the Recycling Dividends Program fund account. These funds may be used for a variety of costs which enhance recycling at the transfer station. I've attached a sheet outlining approved expenses for your reference. Upgrading the attendant's shed is definitely high on our list, and there are many other ways we could make use of the grant funds such as adding security cameras, paying for compost, etc.

- Roy and I worked on the MIIA cyber insurance security application form, which I will be submitting soon. We have many if not all the security measures they questioned us about in place, which should hopefully make us a very good candidate for the insurance. Also, Chris and I met with Shawn Weaver of NorthEast IT to hear his draft report to the town. The good news is that our security is in very good shape, especially for a town of our size.

- The Public Buildings committee met again to review the plans for both the site modifications and the addition.

- I attended a webinar put on by the Massachusetts Office of Disability (MOD) entitled 'Navigating Support Options to Resolve Disability-Related Issues'.

- The screening committee for the new Police Chief met on Wednesday to review interview questions, and we received one more application for a total of four. The application period ended on the 17ᵗʰ.

- I attended a FRCOG zoom about updating the Franklin County Regional Transportation plan https://frcog.org/publications/franklin-county-regional-transportation-plan-2020/

- The Conway Grammar School committee agreed on Thursday to reduce their initial budget request by $21,000 for a 2.37% increase overall.

- MassDOT held a virtual public hearing to discuss the actual replacement bridge where the temporary bridge on North Poland Rd. was just installed. The thank you to Mass DOT - and all those who helped get the temporary bridge in place so quickly - celebration and ribbon cutting has been scheduled for noon on Tuesday, February 28ᵗʰ at the bridge.