

## **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town Administrator Update:**

### **Grants**

#### **MVP**

Conway's first progress report has been submitted, and postcards have gone to Ashfield and Conway for the river walk this weekend. The river walk does ask for an RSVP.

#### **Community Transit**

The South County Senior Center will be applying for the same grant, and it seems to make more sense that Conway discuss joining their efforts rather than spending the 20% grant match required.

#### **Firewood Bank**

Ron Sweet, Walter Goodridge, Betsy Potter, Susan Fentin and I met to discuss the grant application. Some questions which arose such as – does Conway have enough wood coming in that will meet the quality standards for cordwood? Can we possibly join with Buckland's efforts? Each of us is researching different questions and will report back our findings.

### **Departments/Committees**

#### **Transfer station**

I posted for a licensed carpenter in the *Conway Currents* for work on the attendant's shed and the Conway Mall and hope to find someone soon to begin repairs. Funds would come from transfer station revenues. I have hired Braman Ingegrated Pest Management to control the mice per our DLS corrective action order. They will put covered bait traps both outside and inside the sheds, with the inside traps being in the attendant's shed and the Conway Mall. They do use an anti-coagulant, but have assured me that a predator would have to ingest huge numbers of vermin to be adversely affected, as mice eat miniscule amounts of bait, and they have not had any reports of adverse effects to wildlife.

### **Financial**

Today there was an update on bills HD.4669/SD.2839 which have been put forward to provide MEMA with \$250 M from capital gains, which are funds that would normally go to the 'rainy day' fund. MEMA would then have six months to report back on the rules they intend to use in distributing the disaster relief funds. Massachusetts is just one of a handful of states which does not have an emergency disaster relief fund, so this bill is very important to both Conway and the state at large. Our legislators deserve great thanks for putting this legislation forward, and we hope for a positive outcome. As for immediate relief, at this time, the House has a bill for \$12M and the Senate one for \$15M for the first round of disaster relief for towns recently affected.

### **July Floods**

Pantermehl's has submitted their invoice, which is \$300 over the original amount due to the extra time required to clean equipment prior to beginning their work.