

## **March 25<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Town Administrator Update:**

### **Grants**

I attended a [Federal Funds Partnership](#) webinar, which is the state's office for compiling grant information for local governments as well as giving support.

I had a site visit to Upper Baptist, Pine Hill and Baptist Hill roads with the FRCOG, GZA and Ron to discuss the scope of work for the hydraulic engineering study. Once I receive a proposal from GZA for the work, I will bring it before the selectboard to review and decide if the board wishes to proceed with the study using some of the state disaster relief funds. This is the information that the next MVP grant application would be based upon.

I met with Bob Dean to review grant opportunities for Conway, and also attended a webinar explaining how the Chapter 70 formula is designed.

### **Departments**

#### **Highway**

There will be a meeting with DOT officials and Shelburne officials about Bardwells Ferry bridge on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Transfer Station**

The new FY25 decals and another batch of bag stickers have been ordered and received. I am now working on the spreadsheet for FY25 sales, and Jan has updated the online purchasing site to include the board's latest regulations.

### **Committees**

#### **Public Buildings**

The Public Buildings Committee met to review the bids, and voted this recommendation for the board:

“Our highway superintendent, who was going to perform the excavation work for the public safety building is no longer able to commit to the work at this time, due to unresolved issues with the selectboard. Therefore, the Public Buildings Committee feels it has no option but to reject all bids, as this uncertainty has the potential to change the scope of work.”

#### **Sustainability**

Sustainability met to discuss streetlights with Ron and Don to get initial feedback on which lights should remain from a safety standpoint. It was discussed that having lights at intersections and crosswalks is of prime importance.

#### **Miscellaneous**

The caucus was deemed invalid and all those nominated will need to get papers from Laurie and ten signatures in order to be on the ballot.

I attended a webinar on digitalizing town records.

I attended a ‘fireside chat’ with Climate Chief Hoffer and Adam Chapdelaine of MMA.

I spoke with Beth Giannini about how to increase transportation options in Conway.

I attended a meeting with Inspector General Jeremy Shapiro as part of his ‘listening tour’ with local officials concerning procurement law. There was some very interesting information concerning possibilities for collective purchasing and collective contracts.