

## **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town Administrator Update:**

### **Grants**

We had an MVP planning meeting, continuing discussions on how the program is to be structured. GZA expressed liability concerns about doing work on residential property, since their contract is with the town and not the individual residents. Therefore the group intends to expand the educational portion of the grant, including community ambassadors and other experts who will hold workshops and be of technical assistance to residents wishing to make any of the changes recommended in the stormwater management handbook which will be sent to every household.

### **Departments**

**Highway** We had a zoom meeting with many DOT officials as they reviewed their checklists for the Bardwells Ferry Bridge. It was good to hear that DOT is both planning to hurry the project along as quickly as possible, and also make other repairs as necessary while the bridge is still closed, rather than closing it a second time.

### **Committees**

#### **Council on Aging**

I picked up the OWL, laptop, tripod and 25 ipads from Jennifer Remillard at the South County Senior Center. Once the drawing is held May 24<sup>th</sup> we will then distribute the ipads to the winners. I will also have Roy set up the laptop and once that's ready the Council on Aging will have access to that equipment.

#### **Sustainability**

The committee has submitted their warrant article for the study on streetlights in Conway, and will be working on a Green Communities grant this fall to help with streetlights as well.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Phil, Kendall Clark and I met with Tim Fortier to discuss moving his parents' memorial bench. It was moved successfully today, and later this week Andrew Smith will be taking down a few of the trees in Veterans' Memorial Park.

Anne Gobi's weekly check-in was with Sean Cronin, who discussed the feedback which was received through the statewide listening tours last year, and includes discussion of the Municipal Empowerment Act. (slide deck attached).

I attended a meeting with Inspector General Jeffrey Shapiro in Erving where attendees could ask questions about procurement issues.