

May 6th, 2024 Town Administrator Update:

Grants

The postcard for the May 18th Presentation and Harvest Meal for MVP should be arriving soon in everyone's mailbox and is attached.

Committees, Boards & Departments

Assessors

Steven KaCey, Assistant Assessor now has the hours as follows, and can be reached at assessors@conwayma.gov.

- Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Highway

Grace, Ron and I met today to discuss the emergency Shelburne Falls road repair project near Emerson Hollow Road, where the metal plates are now stabilizing the road surface. The stone culvert has been collapsing, and because it is next to the South River which is considered primary habitat with Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program we have to complete the MESA (Mass Endangered Species Act) Project Review paperwork. We hope to be ready tomorrow to put in the paperwork and \$300 fee and expect NHESP to rule on this very quickly. Then the Conservation Commission can provide an emergency certificate for the work to proceed. Ron hopes to complete the work on the road on Saturday and Sunday, the 18th & 19th, so as to avoid impacting the school busses, as the road will have to be shut down.

Miscellaneous & Webinars

Mike Feeney met with me, Ron, Laurie, and Phil on Friday afternoon and did an inspection of the vault and town hall. No water was found seeping into the vault, but Mike explained that it's temperature and humidity levels that determine the dew point, and if the dew point is reached then moisture does impact materials stored inside. There was no mold evident on the walls, but there was some efflorescence, and a few documents which were up against the outside wall did get moldy. Mike will be providing the town with a report with suggestions for remediation to the building.