

May 20th, 2024 Town Administrator Update:

Grants

MVP

The final presentation for the FY24 MVP grant was on Saturday, was well attended, and residents have until midnight on May 22nd to vote. The presentation recording and handouts are all on the town website, and emails were sent to all those who sign up for emails from the website, as well as to the folks who had attended prior MVP meetings. The stream table was also put up at the event, and this table is now the property of the town, although it will be housed at the FRCOG offices.

Committees, Boards & Departments

Highway

Much of the week of the 6th was spent working on getting the MESA project review settled for the emergency culvert replacement which happened this past weekend on Shelburne Falls Road, and then working on the potential Community One Stop grant application for further work on Shelburne Falls Road involving more culvert replacements as well as some back stabilization.

Mass in Motion

I attended the regional Mass in Motion meeting at the library last Thursday. I have mentioned the idea of creating repair cafés to the selectboard over the last few years but have not yet had time to pursue that project. Repair Cafés have the potential to bring together people of all ages, so I thought they might be an interesting project for the Franklin County Mass in Motion committees. Several towns already hold these events, but it takes a lot of time, planning and volunteers to pull off even one event. My thought then was to see if the FRCOG's Mass in Motion team, the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, our regional DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Susan Waite, and the Franklin County Technical School might all be willing to come together to create an oversight board to help organize events which could then travel to every town in Franklin County. So far my idea has been met with enthusiasm, and we hope to have a first exploratory organizational meeting in early June.

Transfer Station

Tim has asked for the attached to be posted as a sign at the transfer station as a first step towards educating residents. If the board approves, I will have a permanent sign created to post at the TSA shed.