

July 15th & 29th, 2024 Town Administrator Update:

Grants

I am sad to report Conway was not awarded FY25 MVP grant concerning both the Pine Hill neighborhood and a pamphlet to be mailed to all households on how to manage water on private property. I am looking into creating the pamphlet through FRCOG.

GZA is still working on the Pine Hill Assessment and hopes to have preliminary information for us in August.

MassWorks called to ask about grant application for the two culverts on Shelburne Falls Road and Emerson Hollow.

Grant awards will be announced in September.

Departments & Committees

Transfer Station

I have drafted a one-day pass for residents who have caretakers at their homes while away. Roughly 500 households have purchased decals to date; last year's total was 731.

The TSA's and I will be taking a blood born pathogens and safe syringe pickup training online.

As will be discussed tonight, there are concerns about the types of items being left at the Conway Mall.

Assessors

I am working on an RFP with George & Andrea Woods for tax assessment services, with an anticipated bid submission date of August 26th and a contract start date of October 1st.

Public Buildings

I am working on an RFP with Andrea Woods for the new Public Safety Building, which will be posted on the 31st with a submission date of August 30th to the FRCOG. A mandatory prebid meeting will be held for those who did not attend the first prebid meeting and is scheduled for August 6th at 1:00 pm at the old Highway Garage.

Highway

The Shelburne Falls Road culvert at base of Emerson Hollow failed again, and metal plates were put in place Thursday, July 18th. Ron is working with the Conservation Commission about doing emergency repairs, and I am working with Natural Heritage to see if we need a MESA review. Ron hopes to begin the culvert replacement Monday, August 5th and the road should be closed for 1 or 2 days during repairs.

Financial

Conway has received \$171,449 as our annual share from the Fair Share legislation to add to our Chapter 90 funds. Ron has already used these funds and plans to use Chapter 90 for the repairs to the Pine Hill neighborhood.

[Fair Share FY 2024 amounts by municipality | Mass.gov.](#)

As of 7/3/24, there was \$622,222.38 left of the state flood disaster relief funds.

Miscellaneous/Webinars/Training