

August 12th, 2024 Town Administrator Update:

Grants

I met with Beth Giannini and Laurie Scarborough to discuss getting Shelburne Falls Rd. on the TIP (transportation improvement program). Ron agrees stabilizing the bank is a top priority and although this process can take over 5 years or longer, it's the best way to get large amounts of funding, much of which is through the federal government.

I am hoping to apply for a Community Compact grant ADA self-evaluation, last one done in 2017, to include emergency shelter ADA concerns.

Departments & Committees

Transfer Station

I have mocked up a sample informational folder for your review. Also, bulky waste cost over \$3,000 for July.

Assessors

RFP became available August 5th and sent to six vendors. Proposals are due back on August 26th.

Public Buildings

IFB Prebid meeting held August 6th. Proposals are due back on August 30th.

IT

I will be creating a working group of employees to review IT vendors.

ZBA

We found out recently that the Selectboard is supposed to appoint two fence viewers. I have asked Mark Silverman to see if anyone from the ZBA might be willing to step up.

Highway

The Shelburne Falls Road culvert at base of Emerson Hollow was replaced last week; Ron and Nick are still doing work in the area.

Financial

I attended the ACO meeting, where we voted to allow Whately to join in the program. The FY25 assessment for Animal Control went down because Whately joined.

Follow-Up

Per last month's discussion, junior firefighters from out of town are afforded the same liability coverage from VFIS as in-town firefighters.

Miscellaneous/Webinars/Training

The Recorder recently mentioned a newly revamped website which includes Conway businesses called ShelburneFalls.com. Several Conway businesses have already been posted, and this would be a great resource for any of our local businesses.

The FRCOG hosted a meeting with Eversource and our state reps to discuss DOE's NIETC or National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor. This would be an expansion of the lines running from NY to Northfield, and intersects Conway on the way. More information will be forthcoming.

I will be on vacation from August 19-23.