November 4th, 2024 Town Administrator Update:

I was on vacation the week of October 28th

Boards & Committees

IT

I had a meeting with Sourcepass, one of the IT vendors I have reached out to. Their pricing model is a little unusual – they don't bill by the number of devices but by the number of employees. I will be working on filling in the spreadsheet with all six vendors for review over the next couple of weeks.

Transfer Station

The metal ramp built by OESCO was installed last week and looks fantastic!

Public Buildings

The Public Buildings committee had a kick-off meeting with Ben Hay of MapleRow Farm on the 23rd. MapleRow has gotten the building to the next stage with the footings poured, and now it will be the technical school students who work on the plumbing under the flooring. If all goes according to plan, the walls will go up this month and there will be a roof before the holidays.

<u>Grants</u>

SAM.gov is now properly registered.

Residents over the years have asked for a sidewalk from 116 to the South River Meadow, and Ron and I will work on a grant application to see if this can be funded. Some would prefer a sidewalk all the way to Reeds Bridge Road but given the way the river approaches the road along the stretch between the meadow and Reeds Bridge it's a bit problematic to make that happen.

I attended an MVP 2.0 meeting, MVP FY26 expression of interest meeting (which I've already sent in for the town) and a Federal Funds Partnership meeting. The MVP projects identified for FY26 were: lowering floodplains at the covered bridge, the dam on Eldridge and by removing the berm at 69 Main Street under the town's easement.

Miscellaneous

The Senior and Veteran's tax work off program brochure is ready for final review and mailing – Louise Beckett is helping me with refining the layout and will help with the mailing. I will have the application ready for review soon.

Would the board like to consider requesting help from DLS for a financial management review? Conway has had two reports done, a <u>financial management review in 2012</u> as well as a <u>financial forecast in 2019</u>.