

February 24th, 2025 Town Administrator Update:

Boards & Committees

Departments

Information Technology: I received one more reference for Sourcepass and will be speaking with RetroFit Technologies tomorrow, a new firm which just reached out to me.

Transfer Station: Luc from Waste Management looked at the fence and gate damage and says he can fix it, he just needs a warmer day . He said he needs to take the whole gate off to cut and straighten it out . Please let me know if it is alright to have him proceed.

Financial

DLS has just provided us with a five year forecast spreadsheet. This is in advance of the financial management review to begin in May, and should help us with our budgeting this season.

Grants updates

1. MVP 2.0 – application sent in jointly with Ashfield; awaiting award (still).
2. MVP FY26 – RFR came out today, with a deadline of April 4th.
3. Green Communities – application deadline April 4th.
4. MassWorks – \$1 million awarded and completing paperwork for next stage. Work includes repairs to Shelburne Falls Road and the Pine Hill area infrastructure.
5. PROTECT (federal) – The latest update is that MassDOT will have this posted in the spring.
6. MOD – for a LULA lift for town hall; application due May 1st
7. Hazard Mitigation Plan update (FEMA funding)– 1st application filled out, second step due March 10th.
8. EOTSS Cyber Security Awareness grant for calendar year 2025. Adam and I have taken the training and will be starting up soon.
9. Pre-Hazard Mitigation grant (FEMA/MEMA) on Delabarre Ave. Postponed but will be starting this construction season in conjunction with the work on Upper Baptist, Pine Hill and Baptist roads.

Miscellaneous

One of our tax work off program participants would like to finish work that was begun through the Agricultural Commission before it disbanded on putting up signs at the entranceways to Conway that proclaim it a 'Right to Farm' town. We'd like to schedule a time to discuss this with the board and get approval on the number, size and placement of these signs, if you approve moving forward on this project.