

April 28th, 2025 Town Administrator Update

Boards & Committees

Departments

Transfer station: Replacement of the gate will begin by May 20th with the posts being put in place first. If they can fit us in sooner they will. Ron discovered that the electric service to the old Conway Mall connects to the compactor, so it can't just be disconnected.

Grants updates

Green Communities Streetlights: We have been asked the following questions about the grant application.

- 1) Your grant application states that the town plans to purchase all streetlights and then decommission a certain percentage. Could you, instead, request Eversource to discontinue the lights that you plan to decommission so you don't have to buy them?
- 2) We have noticed that over two-thirds of the lights you plan to convert are to receive LED fixtures of 31 watts or higher. These strike us as unusually bright fixtures for a rural town. E.g., many towns choose fixtures of 14-19 watts for their rural residential neighborhoods, and not much brighter for fixtures at road intersections. Is the town certain that they want to install lights that are as bright as the ones you have specified? It also may be that selecting lower wattage fixtures will earn a MassSave incentive.

LifePath grants: I put together a flyer with all four job openings which were posted last week at town hall, town offices, the post office, etc. The only application received so far is Phil Kantor's. The hope is that work can begin as soon as possible so that funds can be expended before June 30th, in anticipation of another grant round for continuation of the program.

Miscellaneous

Thomas Mueller is the Deputy Director for MassGIS, the Commonwealth's Office of Geographic Information Systems. They have made the following request: "We are undertaking a high-resolution hydrography data development project in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey for the watershed your town is in. One part of our project will be to evaluate a stormwater flow model with this new dataset. Would you be willing to share your stormwater geospatial data so that we can test the new hydrography dataset on a stormwater application? We specifically would need

1. inlets,
2. outlets, and
3. flowpaths (pipes and ditches) with directions to complete the analysis.

Other data features you might have can be useful, particularly

1. water treatment facilities or
2. known groundwater recharge/infiltration locations (like ponds) designed to seep water back into the ground.

We acknowledge the sensitivity of the data and assure you that it will not be made public and will only be used for this part of the project. We will also share the results of the project with you. "

How would the board like me to respond?

MEETING DATES: Does the board want to continue to meet weekly after May 5th or go back to a warrant week schedule?