

May 19th- June 2nd, 2025 Town Administrator Update

Boards & Committees

Forest & Trails received a DCR free grant for 25 plants which will go up at the Grammar School. 5 white swamp oaks, 5 red oaks, 5 elderberries, 5 hazlenuts and 5 chokeberries. This is part of a pollinator wildlife restoration through 6th grade community service.

Departments

Highway: paving has been finished on Ives, Manning and Orchard. The highway staff are currently working on Elm Street and Shelburne Falls Road from Baptist Hill to Emerson Hollow Road. Cemetery, Delabarre, Reeds Bridge, Parsons and Upper Baptist are next on the list, along with Shelburne Falls Road from Emerson Hollow to Newhall.

Transfer Station: Adam recommended that we put in an electronic sign at the transfer station that could be used for all messages going forward. The transfer station revenue funds could be used to purchase this as of July 1st if the board agrees.

The posts have been installed for the new gate at the transfer station; the new gate should be installed by June 20th.

To date I have received 9 inquiries about our Request for Quotes for the transfer station repaving project; quotes are due by noon on June 4th.

Treasurer: Lori Hall has given her notice and her last day will be June 19th, 2025.

Grants updates

MVP 2.0 We have the RFP to find a Planning Vendor ready for posting. Proposals will be due back by July 9th and then the selection committee will review and propose a Planning Vendor for the Selectboard to approve.

Miscellaneous

I recently found out about a new kind of pest control which uses birth control instead of harmful chemicals to solve rodent infestations, which should protect wildlife. I am requesting permission to cancel contract with Braman's and begin to use [Evolve](#) rat/mouse formula at the transfer station.