

March 2, 2026 Town Administrator Update

Boards, Committees & Departments

CPC – I met with the CPC last week to discuss the idea of creating a housing trust and funding it with CPA monies. After a very productive discussion, it was agreed that the logical next step would be to create a 2-3 person working group to develop the bylaw which would govern the trust's actions. I am therefore requesting that the Selectboard allow me to reach out to find 2-3 people to fill this limited time role. The hope is to have bylaws ready for ATM in 2027, which would mean having it ready for the CPC to review in November to consider putting it on the agenda for ATM. There would then be two articles on this item at ATM, one to create a housing trust including the makeup of the board and the bylaws, and the other article to set aside CPA funds to seed the trust.

IT – Sourcepass will be installing our new machines the week of the 9th.

Grants

\$75K earmark for Shelburne Falls Road – the FRCOG is working on the scope of work and we met with MassDOT to discuss the process for using LEAP technical assistance and the earmark together to design engineer a solution to the failing embankments.

MVP 2.0 – I am working on the housing subgroup, one of 5-6 subgroups which are discussing issues related to social resilience.

MVP FY26 – GZA will be taking on all the work left to do by the FRCOG, and will be working with the Planning Board to finalize the river corridor bylaw.

Meetings

I will be meeting with Darius, Shelley and the other town administrators for Sunderland, Whately and Deerfield to discuss the plan changes presented on health care by the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust and Hilb group, their consultant. Plan changes have to be bargained with the unions, and these changes include increased deductibles for FY27.

I will be testifying tomorrow in favor of the Chapter 90 bill H.4987.

I will be attending the MMA legislative breakfast in Pittsfield this Friday.

I met with Aimee Anderson to discuss the copyright on her wonderful paintings. She will be putting in writing her request.