

March 16 & 23 , 2026 Town Administrator Update

The last two weeks have been greatly taken up by dealing with the health insurance negotiation process. The IAC has met and the proposal presented.

Boards, Committees & Departments

IT – the migration from our old machines to the new is mostly done, although there have been quite a few headaches along the way. We're not completely done but I hope that everything will be buttoned up this week. There's been a lot of back and forth about updating software and passwords, so this has also taken up most of the past two weeks.

Public Buildings – the committee met to discuss moving forward on not only replacing the roof (it turned out it was not an emergency as originally thought so that has not yet been bid out) but also incorporating removing the old roof in the garage to raise the ceiling and the doors. A scope of work is being worked on by Ron Sweet.

Highway – Ron hopes to begin again on the Pine Hill area by April 1st.

Meetings

On March 31st I will be joining the rest of the STAM (Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts) on a trip to Boston to present STAM's legislative priorities to MMA (the Massachusetts Municipal Association) and the Governor's office. I have forwarded the Selectboard's priorities letter to the STAM legislative committee and will hand it out in person to as many folks as possible during our day in Boston.

Rural affairs – the meeting last week was with Rick Collins who gave a presentation on the new clean energy siting regulations. We hope to soon see the Site Suitability Scoring Tool which will let us see where Conway fits into the state's criteria for siting. 0 is the most suitable site; those which score 4 or 5 will have difficulty getting permitted.