

April 6 & 13, 2026 Town Administrator Update

Boards, Committees & Departments

IT – We are close to closing out the migration project, but there are a couple of items which still need to be finished.

Parks & Recreation – Jan Warner and I worked together to post a request for quotes for the installation of fencing, netting and surface painting of the new pickleball courts. Quotes are due April 22nd and so far there has been a nice amount of interest.

Grants

MVP 2.0 is moving quickly now, with two events planned, one in Conway (May 5th) and one in Ashfield (April 30th), to solicit feedback from the public. Both events will feature dinner, and the one in Conway will be held at the Sportsmen's Club.

I applied for a \$35,000 grant to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. If awarded, the FRCOG could again be our technical assistant.

Meetings

STAM Day on the Hill, March 31st – I was part of the legislative committee which met first with MMA Director Adam Chapdelaine and his legislative team, then with the Lieutenant Governor, and finally with many of our state representatives to present STAM's legislative priorities, which align very closely with Conway's. I was also able to hand deliver the Selectboard's list of Conway priorities at each meeting.

Beacon Hill in the Berkshire Hills 4th annual meeting, Saturday April 11th.

During the meeting I was able to mention the Selectboard's unanimous support of single payer health care legislation, as well as concerns around being 100% well and septic and the impact of these regulations on economic development and housing for towns such as Conway. There was agreement that escalating regulations need to be addressed and perhaps relaxed for smaller towns.

The **Public Employee Committee** (PEC) which is negotiating with the town over the change to the health insurance plan slated for 7/1/26 met last week. The Unions and Retiree Rep. have agreed to the mitigation amount and would prefer a check rather than deduction from payment.

I met with Jan Ameen, Whately and members of a group working under Jan through a DEP grant to create some **fixit repair clinics**. The one in our area would be for Whately, Sunderland, Deerfield and Conway, and would likely be housed in the Whately elementary school sometime in June.