

June 29, 2026 Town Administrator Update

Most of the past two weeks have been closing out FY26 and preparing for FY27. June 28th was my five year anniversary with the Town of Conway.

Boards, Committees & Departments

Forest & Trails – I was invited to a meeting with Forest & Trails to discuss the [best methods for protecting land](#) in Conway, such as our Town Forest, Fournier and the South River Meadow. Two options seem to be Conservation Restrictions, which can be done in conjunction with a land trust such as the recent one with the Goddard property. Another avenue is [Article 97 of the amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution](#). I will be researching with town counsel recommendations for the protection of town-owned property.

Highway – Ron and I will be entering the close-out information for the MassWorks grant, and later in July we will complete the reimbursement forms. All the guard rail along Shelburne Falls Road was completed last week.

Transfer Station – the foam insulation was sprayed inside and then painted with a fire-retardant spray paint. Nelson Shifflet will be putting up some white peg board on three walls inside, and there will be clothing rails along the back wall. Nelson will also be putting in two windows in the front doors so that folks can be seen when the doors are closed, and we will look into getting an ADA ramp installed out front made out of metal gridwork like the one OESCO made for the recycling rolloff which will run along the side of the building.

Meetings

Saturday we had our first fixit day at the Conway Grammar School. There were about ten stations set up with everything from knife sharpening, clothes mending and darning, bicycle repairs, glue and woodworking, and electrical repairs. Every time someone's item was repaired a bell would be rung and everyone would applaud. I am hoping to make this an annual event, perhaps on the first Saturday in November.

The MVP South River Flood Resilience meeting was held on the 23rd. Rosalie Starvish and Nic Miller gave a great presentation on some of the background of MVP projects in town as well as an update on both the Manwell property dam sediment removal project as well as the conceptual ideas for the town property near Burkeville Covered Bridge.