

March 27th, 2023 Town Administrator Update:

- Last week I had my third OSHA training from Jan Ameen & Lynn Rose on hazardous materials management. There will be two more trainings to complete.
- I met with John Craine to review special revenue funds. We decided to focus on Conway's trust funds, and are reviewing them to double check their purpose, principle balance and accuracy of information. I have updated a spreadsheet which gives balances as of the end of the fiscal year but had not been updated since 2015. I also added the account number for each fund, and discovered two which had not previously been tracked. We will continue our work over the coming months.
- I've created the flyers for the second public forum and posted on the website. Jan is available to attend. The new permit stickers will be dark blue and will have a place for writing in the license plate number should we decide to track stickers that way.
- The newsletter committee met twice last week, once to put the April issue to bed, and the second time to review our bylaws.
- I attended the MMA legislative update. Dave Koffman put together a great spreadsheet showing the correlation between unrestricted aid to towns (UGGA) and the Commonwealth's revenues since 2008. UGGA had taken a dive after 2008 and we still have not even come back up to 2008 levels. MMA is asking the legislature for a 6.13% increase just to get us to the 2008 levels. Revenues for the state increased 4.7% last year, and this year are forecast to increase 1.6%, although when the 'millionaires' tax is added in, the increase should be 4.1%. We were also told that it would only take \$18 million to get the 133 school districts who are at minimum aid from \$30/student to \$100/student. MMA is advocating for that increase as well.