March 20th, 2023 Town Administrator Update:

- Last week the MVP planning group got together (Kimberly Noake MacPhee of FRCOG, Rosalie Starvish and Rania Bussiere of GZA, Joe Strzegowski, Michele Turre, and I) to discuss the education portion of the upcoming application. GZA will be putting together the scope of work and budget preliminaries for us, and we decided to ask the Community Preservation Committee for the \$45,000 grant match for the project. Due to the storm I missed the MVP presentation but will catch up with the recording; I expect the RFR to be coming out very soon. I put together the application and we had hoped to have a CPC meeting to discuss the town's application for MVP funding but the committee could not muster a quorum since two members were still without power.
- Phil and I opened up the Grammar School as a shelter on Tuesday, and we learned a lot about what is necessary to actually run a shelter.
- I attended two webinars, one on recruitment and one on housing production, along with a first meeting of a four town (Conway, Whately, Sunderland & Deerfield) energy group interested in helping to get Frontier to net zero energy usage. I also attended the FRTA Advisory Board meeting.
- I attended the Grammar School budget vote along with Chris Waldo and John Craine.
- This Friday I will be out of the office at the MMA legislative breakfast in Westfield.