

TOWN MANAGER



Town of Milton Vermont, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
www.miltonvt.org | bpalaia@town.milton.vt.us | 893-6655

Manager's Report

By Brian Palaia, Town Manager

Dear Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to share an update on some events happening in Town.



Capital Projects

Route 7/Middle Road/Railroad Street Intersection Redesign: This week we obtained some additional cost information that the Secretary of Transportation requested. We'll be consulting with a possible property owner nearby to see if they can assist the Southern Hourglass portion of the project going forward. We will be taking our case back to the Vermont Agency on Transportation this month.

Fleet: The Town is expecting delivery of an additional dump truck soon. The police department's unmarked vehicle has been replaced.

Solar Project: The Town issued a request for proposals for solar net metering at Town facilities and a community solar park at the former landfill. The Town received 6 responses. We are reviewing these proposals.

Sidewalk Projects: The Town is currently working toward getting approvals for two state grant funded sidewalk projects. The first one, an extension of the sidewalk from Hobbs Road along McMullen to Railroad Street is awaiting design approval from the State Agency on Transportation. Construction is expected in the spring. We are currently working with the railroad to also extend a sidewalk along Cherry Street to connect with Railroad Street. The Town was also awarded a grant to do some scoping work to complete the sidewalk connection for the gap on Railroad Street near the crossing. In addition, the Town recently applied for a Transportation Alternatives grant to fund construction of two large sidewalk gaps on the north side of Route 7.



Site 2 and Site 3 are the areas the Town has applied for a grant to partially fund construction sidewalks on Route 7

Department Updates

Water and Sewer Bills were due Nov 14th. November 26th is the last day you can pay at the Municipal Building. You can pay online until November 30th to avoid disconnection. You can make your tax or utility payments through the town website at <http://www.miltonvt.org/onlinepayments.html>.



Winter Operations: The public works department continues to prepare for winter operations. The parking ban goes into effect on December 1st. Please see the letter to residents for more detail:

http://miltonvt.org/images/pdf/files/department/publicworks/highway/2014-15_WinterOpsFaq.pdf

If you see a problem or area that needs service you may request service online at <http://request.miltonvt.org/request.html> or you can call 893-6030 between 8 am and 5 pm.

Route 7 Planning: An advisory committee meeting will take place early this month to review potential solutions and prepare for the second hearing expected this winter. The Selectboard made some revisions at the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the Zoning Ordinance. The revisions and remaining proposal will have a second public hearing on December 15th at 6 p.m. You can view the proposed changes here: http://www.miltonvt.org/images/pdf/files/department/planning/Draft_Zoning_Reg__9_10_14.pdf

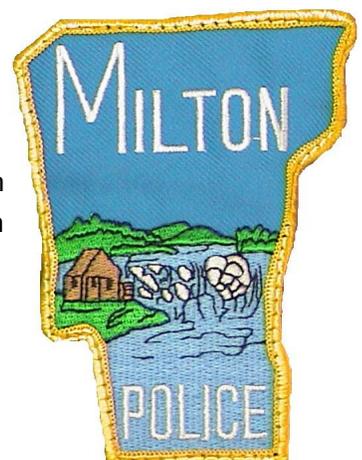
Have a project of your own planned? We're here to help you do it right, so you and your neighbors can protect your real estate investment. You can reach Planning & Economic Development at 893-1186.

Home Improvement Loans: Increased low-interest loans are now available through Milton's sponsorship of a grant application on behalf of Champlain Housing Trust. Please contact Champlain Housing Trust at 802-862-6244 or visit www.getahome.org/loans for more information.

Holiday Concert: Join Milton Recreation and the Milton Community Band on Sunday, December 7 at 2pm for an annual Holiday Concert at Milton High School. For details, visit miltonvt.org/recreation or call 893-4922.

Winter & Spring: The Recreation Department is hard at work planning for Winter & Spring programs and events. The Winter & Spring Program Guide 2015 will be released on Thursday, January 8 in the Milton Independent, and check miltonvt.org/recreation for updates.

Crime: The Milton Police have seen a slight increase in burglaries in November on Lake Road, Westford Road, Everest Road, and Middle Road. Anyone with information on any of these burglaries is asked to call Det. Cpl. Locke at the Milton Police station at 893-2424.



Upcoming Meetings

(Meetings subject to cancellation or change)

- Selectboard – December 1st and December 15th at 6 pm
- Development Review Board – December 11th at 7 pm
- Planning Commission – December 2nd and December 16th at 7 pm
- Recreation Commission – December 10th at 6 pm
- Conservation Commission – To Be Determined
- Library Trustees – December 2nd at 6:30 pm



The Municipal Building will be closed December 24th and December 25th for the holiday.

Thank you to the elected officials, appointed Board and Commission members, volunteer fire and rescue members, and staff whose work is making Milton a better place.

Board and Commission Positions and Vacancies

The Town is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Community Champion Awards Committee: one 1-year term
- Development Review Board Alternates: one unexpired 1-year term

You can download an application for these positions at:

<http://www.miltonvt.org/images/pdf/files/apps/Comm-BoardApp.pdf>.

You can turn in your application to the Town Manager's Office by mail at 43 Bombardier Road or by email to ajanda@town.milton.vt.us.

