

# TOWN MANAGER



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## Manager's Report

By Brian Palaia, Town Manager

Dear Residents,

It has been a privilege to serve the Town of Milton the past few years. I have appreciated your respect and support. My family and I will sincerely miss living here. This has been my best experience in local government. I wish you all the best success.

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.

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:** Vermont Transportation Agency (VTTrans) staff met this month with Federal Highway Administration staff to better determine how we can complete the full hour glass project. This meeting has been scheduled for February.

**Fleet:** The Town is in the process of taking delivery on a replacement Tahoe. The fleet purchases the Town made this year for multiple dump trucks is serving the town well with reduced down time during winter operations and lower repair costs.

**Solar Project:** The Town narrowed the finalists down to two firms and interviewed those two firms. The Town will be asking them for the best and final financial proposals and then choose one to proceed.

**Sidewalk Projects:** The Town is waiting to hear whether it will be the recipient of a Transportation Alternatives grant that would provide over \$300K in funding toward two sidewalk gaps.

## Department Updates

**Planning & Economic Development:** The Selectboard has warned a public hearing to consider Interim Zoning which will limit development while new regulations are studied for up to two years in Town Core Zoning Districts. The hearing is set for the evening of February 17.

**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



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

802-862-6244 or visit [www.getahome.org/loans](http://www.getahome.org/loans) for more information.

**Fiscal Year 2016 Budget:** The Selectboard's budget has a proposed tax rate increase of 3.75%, which would represent a \$48.25 increase on the typically assessed residential home. The Town is also requesting voters to consider a borrowing authorization (Article V) to implement sidewalk, streetscape, and lighting improvements along Route 7. This is a TIF funded project that if implemented in a phased approach with grant awards will not have an impact on the tax rate and will improve the corridor. Please register to vote. Voting will be on Town Meeting Day from 7 am to 7 pm, but you can register to vote and vote early in Town Offices Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

**Recreation:** Join us for the 7th annual Milton Winter Festival on February 13, 14, and 15. For more information visit [miltonvt.org/recreation](http://miltonvt.org/recreation).

## Board and Commission Positions and Vacancies

The Town is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Development Review Board Alternate – 2 unexpired 1-year terms
- Planning Commission, – 1 unexpired 4-year term
- Regional Planning Commission – 1 unexpired 2-year term
- Chittenden County Transit Authority Alternate – 1 unexpired 2-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](mailto:ajanda@town.milton.vt.us).



## Upcoming Meetings

(Meetings subject to cancellation or change)

- Selectboard – February 2 & February 17 at 6pm
- Development Review Board – February 12 and February 26 at 7pm
- Planning Commission – February 3 and February 17 at 7pm
- Recreation Commission – February 11 at 6pm
- Conservation Commission – February 24
- Library Trustees – February 3 at 6:30pm

