

Dear Residents,

The first month as your new Town Manager has been a whirlwind of activity - there's a lot happening here in Milton! And, given the breadth of activities and information to be found in the recently released Fall/Winter Recreation Program Guide, it looks as if there'll be no slowing down. The number of volunteers and their commitment to efforts ranging from library classes to special events to economic development and more, is impressive.

As the Chief Administrator for the Town, my job is to keep us moving forward in an organized, efficient and fiscally responsible manner - with a large dose of customer service mixed in. But, a good Manager also has an eye on the future, some ideas of what things could look like down the road, and a vision for how to bring it to fruition. But, I am only just beginning to understand the heart and spirit of this community. I need to be able to look through your eyes and see the community Milton has been, understand what needs to be preserved, and consider all the things that residents would like the town to become. The best way for me to acquire this information is by listening to your ideas and hearing your personal stories. ***And, this is where I need your help.***

I've an open-door policy. Please consider stopping in and introducing yourself during regular business hours. Wednesdays through September 9th I'm keeping the office open until 6:30 so that folks can stop by and "meet the manager." (Thank you to all those who have come by -the conversations have been both informative and quite enjoyable!) And, if you'd rather put your thoughts down in writing, email is: dbarlowcasey@town.milton.vt.us. Also, expect to see short surveys and invitations to share your opinion in upcoming newsletters and even the Milton Independent in the coming year. Please take the time to respond to these inquiries so that your thoughts help inform our future.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Donna Barlow-Casey, Town Manager