

TOWN MANAGER



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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.

Paving

Based on the Town's five year paving plan, the following streets will be resurfaced this month: Mackey Street, Turner Avenue, Moss End, Lamoille Terrace (Upper Section), Riverside Drive, Rugg Avenue, Allen Drive, Barnum Street, Bradley Street, Herrick Avenue, and Vernon Court. A segment of Lake Road that sustained damage over the past winter will also be resurfaced.

Capital Projects

The Town received a \$165,000 Class II Road paving grant to reconstruct a 500' portion of Everest Road (where). The Town anticipates going out to bid in the late summer and beginning construction in the fall. The Town was awarded a \$15,000 grant to replace public works radios and a \$20,000 grant to replace its radio repeater for the fire/rescue departments. The transition will reduce the cost of adding other radio repeaters in Town.

In March 2012, voters authorized borrowing a portion of the cost of redesigning the intersection of Route 7/Railroad Street/Middle Road. The Selectboard chose a preferred alternative for the redesign. Late in 2013, federal funds were allocated for the project to be designed by Vermont Agency on Transportation (VTrans). In addition, this spring the Town learned that VTrans will be able to fund 100% of all safety related improvements for the project, freeing up Tax Increment Financing District funds for other use. VTrans expects to finish a conceptual design by this fall.

The Town is updating its Water Distribution Facility Plan and is reviewing its water department rates. This report should be complete in the fall of 2014.

The Town is working on two sidewalk expansion projects: 1) McMullen Road between Hobbs Road and Railroad Street and 2) a portion of Cherry Street to Railroad Street. Both are primarily funded by grants from VTrans and are being coordinated with VTrans, for regulatory review and the railroad in the case of Cherry Street. These outside agencies may affect the schedule.

The Town experienced a dramatic slope failure this spring that has been threatening Beebe Hill Road and other private property. Town forces were able to provide only temporary stability.. The Town was able to obtain a \$160,000 grant from VTrans to pay for permanent stabilization. The Town must pay for 10% of the cost as a match.

Resurfacing of the tennis courts began this week and is expected to continue into June. The Public Works and Recreation Departments are also looking at the cost of a shade structure for Tennis Court Park, port-o-let screening, a swing set for Bombardier Park, and a more clearly defined pathway to the play ground



at Tennis Court Park.

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission is starting to update a Route 7 Corridor study – from the intersection of Forbes Road to Main Street. The study will take about a year to complete. The study will integrate the various local plans for improvements the Town has assembled over the past 15 years, make recommendations to support economic development, prioritize other infrastructure improvements such as storm-water management, and include a traffic analysis for exit 17A.

The Town kicked off the process to update the space needs for a new public works and recreation facility. This phase of the project will identify how fields can best be relocated to accommodate the new facility, what a new public works facility would cost, and how other municipal building space that is freed up can best be used in the future. A draft report should be available by mid July.

Eagle Scouts and other volunteers are currently building a new bridge between Bombardier and Tennis Court Park.

Budget

The Town's General Fund budget has experienced over expenditures primarily for salt and plow equipment supplies due to the December 2013 ice storm and the defense of the 3 appeals of Development Review Board decisions. The Beebe Hill Road slope failure will further impact the budget as an unexpected cost.

Transit

Later this month the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) will reroute service south along Route 7 to exit 16 with three new stops in Colchester (exact stop locations are still being determined by CCTA) instead of departing town via exit 17.

Department Updates



Police

Officers from the police department participated in The Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics.

Corporal Philbrook has been assigned to be the School Resource Officer for the Milton Town-School District starting this fall. Three replacement officers just graduated from the police academy and will be joining the community soon for field training. I am pleased to welcome Officers Hendry, Cooper, and Coulombe. The police department handled 1155 calls in April.

Milton Police received a report of fraud from a Milton resident selling a collectable on Craigslist. The buyer sent two checks in amounts substantially more than the asking price. The buyer asked that the balance be sent to a post office box in Louisiana. Both checks were being drawn on a fake bank account. These types of scams originate out of the United States and are extremely difficult to investigate.

Fire and Rescue

Fire Dept. members Greg Burbo and Cody FitzGerald successfully completed the Vermont Firefighter One course which includes approximately 250 hours of training including written and practical testing. The fire department welcomes three new members to the department. Greg Fay, Mark Trudo and Shane Mitchell will join the department in June and enter the fall firefighter one course. Each new member with the exception of Shane brings a wealth of life experience with them but little firefighting experience. Shane has 15 years of experience with the Fairfield fire department. Since many of our current members work out of town, it is very beneficial that all three of these new members are available to respond to calls during daytime hours. The fire

department participated in the Rescue Health and Safety Fair, the Town Memorial Day Ceremony, hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive and responded to a number of calls.

Rescue welcomes new member Kyleigh Lavigne to the department. Kyleigh is an emergency medical technician and recently completed her second year at UVM. Kyleigh plans to run a twenty four hour shift on Monday's during the summer break. The rescue department as part of EMS Week hosted its first annual Health and Safety Fair, visited a number of pre school facilities, participated in the Town Memorial Day Ceremony and responded to 47 calls for emergency assistance.

Both departments are currently seeking new volunteers available to cover daytime shifts. We are willing to provide training for qualified candidates.

Recreation

The department recently hired Grace Gilmour, Angie Grove, and Jeffrey Cook as its summer program staff. You can still sign up for summer outdoor camp for children ages 7-12. [Click here](#) for details.

Public Works

In addition to working on the capital projects and preparing for paving work, the department has been continuing work on road side clean up, clean up of the cemeteries for memorial day, hydrant flushing and maintenance, ongoing fleet preventative maintenance, preparing bid specifications for equipment replacement for a park tractor, small trucks, and a zero turn mower.

Planning & Economic Development

The Selectboard is holding a public hearing on Zoning Regulations June 16th at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the public to hear about the proposed changes and offer feedback to the board. If you want to review the changes ahead of the meeting, [click here](#) or stop by the Planning office.

Check out the new interactive [Milton map](#), with zoning and parcel information, as well as drawing and measuring tools.

Planning home improvements? Installing a shed or deck? Spring is a great time to tackle projects, but keep in mind that some projects require a zoning permit. If you're unsure about permitting requirements, check out Planning's Frequently Asked Questions page [here](#). We're here to help you do it right, so you and your neighbors can protect your real estate investment. You can also reach us by phone at 893-1186.

Board and Commission Positions and Vacancies

The Town is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Conservation Commission – one 4-year term beginning July 1, 2014
- Conservation Commission – two terms to expire June 30, 2017 & 2018
- Development Review Bd. – one term to expire 6/30/2015
- Development Review Bd. – one term for Alternate to expire 6/30/2015
- Economic Development Comm. – one 3-year Resident term to expire 6/30/17
- Planning Commission – one 4-year term beginning 7/1/2014
- Recreation Commission – one 3-year term to expire 6/30/2017
- Chittenden County Transportation Authority --- one 3---year term to expire 6/30/2017; One alternate to expire 6/30/2017

You can download an application for these positions [here](#). You can turn in your application to the Town



Manager's Office by mail at 43 Bombardier Drive or by email to ajanda@town.milton.vt.us.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings subject to cancellation or change)

- Selectboard June 2 & June 16 at 6 pm
- Planning Commission June 3 & June 17 at 7 pm
- Development Review Board June 12 & June 26 at 7:00 pm
- Conservation Commission June 26
- Recreation Commission June 12 at 6:00 pm
- Economic Development Commission June 11 at 8:00 am

