

Town Manager Report
March 11th, 2024, Regular Selectboard Meeting

Town Meeting is behind us and it's time to rev up for the implementation of Killington Forward! This summer could be the busiest construction season that our town has seen in decades, but we are ready and capable.

Killington Forward Initiative:

- **Water Project:** Municipal Water tank and transmission line installation is scheduled to begin this Spring. Casella has been blasting and clearing all winter to achieve this goal. The project is on schedule and bids are expected to go out this Spring. To date, the town has received \$521,994 in reimbursements for engineering services through the Step 2 SRF Forgivable Loan. The Step 3 Loan is scheduled to be approved at the end of March after the Source Permit and Permit to Construct are finalized for the well to allow for reimbursement of construction costs.
- **Road Project:** Plans for the road project around the Ski Village (Project 1A) are 90% complete. Due to easements acquisition, cooperation with Great Gulf, and lengthy permit reviews, bidding has been pushed back to September. The road reconstruction between Anthony Way and Rt. 4 (Project 1B) is on schedule and construction will begin this Spring.
- The Original Taxable Value has been amended following input from various state agencies and has been submitted to the Tax Department for approval.
- The 3rd well site was drilled, and a 12-inch casing reached the target depth of 96 feet, where a large amount of water and cobbles were produced. The next steps are to design and install the screen, submit necessary applications to begin pump tests, submit reports, and obtain a source permit. The screen is now being manufactured.
- A jurisdiction opinion has been granted for the Water Main and laterals from Shagback throughout the ski village.
- The town has worked with the state to come up with an integrated permit for everyone who wants to hook up upon the installation and completion of Water Project 1A. Information will be provided to landowners soon.

New Town Hall:

- Both architectural and structural plans are completed. Solicitation for bids has been delayed but is expected to go out before mid-March. An onsite pre-bid meeting for contractors is scheduled in late March.
- The USPS lease has been updated to assign Killington as the building owner.

General Government Operations:

- Preparation for Town Meeting was at the forefront of staff efforts.
- Facility Use Policy and Applications have been drafted.
- The Police Chief and Town Manager are strategizing a recruitment and retainage plan for police officers.
- Planning for website redesign is still underway.
- *Repeat:* Contracts have expired for our existing phone services and the town has signed a contract with VTEL to be our provider moving forward. Phone installation is scheduled sometime over the next 90 days. The plan is \$1,995 per month and includes a 60-month

commitment, 11 concurrent calls/lines, 53 premium handsets with their phone number and features, a bulk long-distance plan, up to 10 analog adapters, 1 auto attendant, 2 32-button attendant consoles, 6 x 1,000 Mbps synchronous internet connections (same download/upload speeds), all routers/switches, and no install charge. Under new horizons, the town paid approximately \$2500/month.

- Planning for Ravine Road drainage improvements is underway.
- Notices for false alarm and service reimbursement ordinance have been published and posted.
- Repairs have been made to the crosswalk lights along Killington Road.
- The DPW Director is working with VT Alerts to allow the town control over the warning system. Training is scheduled and approval will be needed from the Selectboard.
- Request for Proposals has been issued for the reappraisal of Killington Resort and the interview has begun. Killington Resort and the properties under their ownership are the only landowners being assessed with an income-based approach. Vision is planning a meeting with the town to begin the sales approach reassessment for all other properties.
- Green Mountain Power wants to build a new substation along Old Rt. 4. They need 7 acres of the 70 acres that the town owns and set aside for affordable housing. I've requested an offer from GMP.
- Atomic Audio is scheduled for the week of March 11th to suggest an alternative to the existing hybrid meeting system in the community room. Staff is waiting for their input before replacing the television in the Public Safety Building
- A new part has been ordered for the heating unit in the Public Safety Building and will arrive on March 13th. Troubleshooting is ongoing.
- Grant Updates:
 - RAISE Grant has been submitted for the reconstruction of Killington Road from the Lookout to Rt. 4.
 - A Library Grant to upgrade light fixtures and install a pavilion on the back of the building has been submitted.
 - A Reimbursement Request through CRRP for \$350,000 of Contract 1-3A Water Main Construction has been submitted. The total eligible amount is \$1 Million.
 - The VOREC Grant has been moved forward into the compliance review stage by the ranking committee. We strongly believe this means the town will be awarded the \$85,000 to construct an extension of the Sherburne trails to create a safer crossing along Rt. 100.

FEMA/East Mountain Road:

- The town is working on the submission for East Mountain Road and the side roads. Staff meet weekly with the FEMA team and bi-weekly with the state and our local contractors/engineers.