

Town Manager Report  
November 27, 2023, Regular Selectboard Meeting

The long holiday slowed things down, but we've got plenty of work done. In my own office, a lot of energy has gone towards FEMA reporting for work complete (and to be complete) along East Mountain Road.

As for a holiday message, let's all have a Happy Thanksgiving spent with friends and family. Included in the long list of blessings that I've received and am grateful for this year is being entrusted to serve as your Town Manager. Killington has an amazing community and being a part of it is a gift.

**Killington Forward Initiative:**

- *Repeat from November 13:* Tree removal has begun for the road and water projects for Phase 1. This includes Anthony Way to Rt. 4 (Road Project) and the well house up to the storage tanks (Water Project). The project team has instructed contractors that work must be halted during World Cup, and can resume afterwards as weather allows. Excavation for these projects will not start until next Spring.
- *Repeat from November 13:* The second and final projects inside of Phase 1 includes road and water projects inside and around the ski village. These plans are almost completed and pending permit approvals, bids will go out for construction in the Spring of 2024.
- Now that 60% of the plans are completed for Phase 1A (road project around ski village to the lookout), the town is working on easements and right of ways for new infrastructure. We are also working towards acquiring easements along project 1B, but agreements should be executed in the next couple of weeks.
- *Repeat from November 13:* Efforts are underway to submit our first request for reimbursement from the State Revolving Loan Fund for design work performed to date on the water system. The first reimbursement request will be for \$666,000.
- The town has received feedback from the state regarding the submittal of our Original Taxable Value Certificate, which denotes frozen tax rates of TIF properties during the duration of increment. There is no rush to submit the OTV since debt is not yet being incurred, however, our goal is to have the form completed and submitted by December 11, 2023.
- To cover the last piece of financing for Phase 1, staff are working towards getting a loan through the state's bond bank and are optimistic about an award this Spring. Deadline for submittal is mid-December.
- ANR hydrogeologists have confirmed that the existing well PW-1D can be approved with the Town as owner once the final water quality results are obtained. The processing time for the tests is 6 weeks, therefore we are expecting PW-1D source approval in February.

**New Town Hall:**

- *Repeat from November 13:* Second floor drawings have been approved and the architect is drawing up blueprints for construction. Construction bids are expected to be solicited in December of 2023.

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### **General Government Operations:**

- Radar signs have been purchased and 6 places have been marked for placement. These include River Road, Killington Road, East Mountain Road, West Hill Road, Stage Road, and Barrows Town Road. Dig tickets have been called in for the locations.
- The town is transitioning between IT service providers and the logistics of passing along information has begun.
- After receiving public feedback, messages on the electronic signs will be short and to the point, black and white, and rotate in a manner so to not distract drivers.
- The town has hired a new Public Works Director, who will start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We are also currently advertising for an Assistant Planner who will also serve as Zoning Administrator.
- The town is working with the Post Office to address longstanding maintenance issues. We are also working with USPS to finalize maintenance responsibilities and rent.
- Budget Season is still in full swing. I've been working with department heads to make finer adjustments following the feedback from the November 13<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting.
- Warnings have been posted for the changes to the Traffic Ordinance that include new driveway permit applications and speed changes along East Mountain Road. Implementation of speed reduction along Killington Road and River Road will take effect in the first week in December.

### **FEMA/East Mountain Road:**

- *Repeat from November 13:* A base coat of asphalt, along with approximately 6 culverts has been replaced between Bear Mountain Road and Roundabout. Overlay asphalt work is underway between Rt. 4 and Bear Mountain Road, but we can confidently say that town officials met our goal of having East Mountain Road prepped and ready for winter traffic.
- After meeting with FEMA, the town has updated its damage inventory report and is waiting for our federal project manager to assign individual project codes. Following this step, the town will begin seeking reimbursement for emergency work that was performed prior to bid solicitation.

### **Meeting(s) Outside Regular Workhours & Noteworthy**

- Selectboard Meeting
- Weekly Killington Forward Coordination Meeting