

Town Manager Report
October 16, 2023, Regular Selectboard Meeting

The motto for the last few weeks is “One team, One fight.” I think the amount of support we’re receiving from around the state, as seen at the ribbon cutting, is a clear message from our partners and the community that Killington is moving in the right direction.

Killington Forward Initiative:

- Bond resolutions have been submitted. This was the final step to securing the USDA loan of \$18,394,000 for Road Project 1A at the top of the access road.
- The **amended act 250 permit** for the wellhouse entrance is still under review by the state. The last submittal triggered a response for a minor relocation of the wellhouse which is being addressed.
- The ribbon cutting was a huge success. A special thanks goes out to the KPAA and Jim Haff for putting together the event.
- The town is currently helping the Chamber of Economic Development for the Rutland Region to draft an agreement for the Catalyst grant of over \$2 Million for the road and water projects.
- The 3rd well has been cleared for construction. Next steps are to dig the well and rehab the site entrance for testing.
- The OTV form which locks in tax values inside of the TIF district is still under review by VEPC. White and Burke, along with staff are meeting with VEPC next week to make sure that everyone is clear on timelines and important events.
- The pre-construction meeting for road project 1B (bottom of the access road), was held and tree cutting should begin in the coming weeks.
- *Reminder: Tree cutting for the Phase 1 Water is scheduled to begin in October of 2023. Construction at the base of Killington Road to Anthony Way will begin in the Spring of 2024.*

New Town Hall:

- Staff took a field trip to the new office and shared feedback about the space. Second floor drawings are being amended to address our needs.
- A Municipal Energy Resilience Program grant is being spearheaded by our new intern under Lisa Davis-Lewis’s guidance. Once the intern collects the data he needs, we will begin the energy audit as part of phase 2 of the program.
- Internet was hooked up to the new building as per a contract predating my employment, and the service provider began monthly billing. I’m working with the provider to end the service until late summer.

General Government Operations:

- The town onboarded 3 new staff members and 1 intern (Planner; Finance Director; Police Officer)
- Department heads met to discuss and plan for events happening in October. Along with other topics discussed at the meeting, it was agreed that special event permits would once again be used.
- The Killington Welcome Sign at the base of the access road and the Public Safety Building sign are scheduled for completion by the end of October/early November.

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- The attorney has suggested edits for the Vision Revaluation Contract, and we are waiting for vision's response.
- The speed limit change for Killington Road and River Road has been advertised. The law will not take effect until 60 days after the board's ratification on September 25th, 2023.
- The Finance Director is working on financial forecasting for the transfer station. The new contract with Casella will be discussed at Monday's meeting, but it should be noted that service fees are increasing drastically due to the cost of recycling.
- Negotiations for the Vision/Property Tax Reassessment Contract are ongoing, but an agreement is near. If not at the October 16th meeting, a contract will be presented to the board by the end of October.
- The town submitted a letter of support for Mission Farm to further develop their amphitheater through grant funding.
- Planning is underway for Cannabis regulations inside of the town's Zoning Bylaws. The intent is to have them in place for a vote in March.
- Village Center Designation planning will soon be underway. An agreement contract with the RRPC is included in the board packets for approval.
- The town is onboarding 2 new full-time firefighters to achieve its vision for the program. This will greatly reduce response time and make coordination between departments/stakeholders more efficient.
- The KPAA was provided with the economic data sent to us from AJGA, and after discussing the pros and cons of the event at their last regular meeting, the consensus of the association did not support a return of the tournament. The overall feedback was that the golf course could put more effort into hosting tournaments such as these, and that the \$19,000+ dollars from the resort could be better allocated to bolster an event hosted by a different group/organization in town.

FEMA:

- Work has begun on East Mountain Road. There will be closures throughout October and November.

Meeting(s) Outside Regular Workhours & Worth Noting

- Regular Selectboard Meeting
- KPAA Board of Directors Meeting
- VLCT Town Hall
- CEDRR Mixer at Perry Pools and Spas
- Catalyst Training for Awardees
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Great Gulf's Soft Presentation for Village Design
- Rotary Club Meeting