

Town Manager Report
November 13, 2023, Regular Selectboard Meeting

It's been a while since I last checked in with a report, so there's plenty to digest here. The most time-consuming item over the last few weeks has been preparation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, but I believe we've landed on a theme: Building Capacity to Meet the Needs of Our Future. I once was told by a seasoned auditor, "show me your budget, and I'll tell you what the town cares about." After weeks of working with department heads it's become clear that Killington is focused on building an organization that prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our residents. I'm proud to be at the jumping off point of a transformative era for Killington, and I hope you are as well.

Killington Forward Initiative:

- 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.
- 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.
- Killington Resort and Great Gulf has donated the town \$700,000 to put towards the affordable/workforce housing project at the intersection of Rt.4 and Killington Road. This project depends on a municipal water system making it down from the Ski Village, which our civil leaders are prioritizing.
- 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. The listers have been notified and are working on a response.
- 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.

New Town Hall:

- 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.

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 Mountain Road, Stage Road, and Barrows Town Road.
- A new driveway installation application has been drafted and will be discussed/voted on at Monday's meeting.
- Department heads met for our monthly meeting and discussed November event planning. Most notable discussion items for public awareness included the installation of a doorbell at the Public Safety Building, along with a "main door" sign.

- The new Public Safety Building sign has been installed, along with the electrical portion of the Killington Welcome Sign. Messaging will be discussed at Monday's meeting.
- Planning & Zoning:
 - Cannabis Regulations have been drafted in preparation for a vote in March of 2024
 - The Municipal Planning Grant for our Recreation Master Plan has been submitted.
 - On December 5th, 2023, the town is hosting the Killington Trails Scoping Study's Draft Alternatives Meeting. Attendance from the public is highly encouraged, and more advertising will take place over the next few weeks.
- The search for a new Director of Public Works began and 2 applicants have been interviewed. An announcement of selection will be made in December.
- Transfer station staff met with Rutland County Solid Waste District reps to perform a soft inspection of the site. There were no concerns, but we have been encouraged to apply for signage grants to properly advertise waste disposal and recycling criteria.
- Most importantly, office staff met to strategize the decoration of our tree at Holiday Fest. The theme will be "Sweet Treats!"

FEMA/East Mountain Road:

- Damage Incident reports have been submitted to our FEMA project manager.
- 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.

Meeting(s) Outside Regular Workhours & Noteworthy

- Vermont Town and City Manager Association Meeting at Sugarbush
- KPAA Annual Meeting at K1
- Legislative Breakfast with Great Gulf at K1
- White & Burke's Vermont Development Conference in Burlington
- Planning Commission Meeting to discuss finances and other items.
- Monthly Department Head Meeting
- Selectboard Meeting
- Weekly Killington Forward Coordination Meeting