



Administration Monthly Report February 2024

The first part of February was focused on getting the Town Report finished and sent to the printer which was completed and the books have been received before the required deadline.

The Budget and Warrant Public Hearings were successful. After speaking with the Budget Committee on the 29th, the rewording of article 14, some are more in favor now than the previous wording.

I have been attending NHBEA zoom meetings each week regarding the State housing crisis. Some information has been very interesting, once I'm done with all the sessions, I'll be sharing some info with the Planning Board. My next Cable Franchise meeting is March 6th in Franklin, which I plan on attending.

Budget Committee met on the 29th to approve the Highland Village Districts annual proposed budget. The district will hold their annual meeting on March 13th which I will act as Moderator since they do not have one.

Capital Improvements Program, is still hard at work looking at the road conditions prioritizing and figuring out what we will need to contract out for and what we can do inhouse. They also started looking at the vehicles and equipment both departments have and had much discussion regarding the grader. Jesse and Adam attended one of the meetings to help answer questions on vehicles and buildings.

Parks Commission met, we are about to draw the name for the cord of wood and still have some tickets left for the pallet of pellets. Additionally, we've been working hard on organizing the 4 events we have planned for 2024, we had a zoom meeting with the comedy night crew, and it sounds like it's going to be a blast. Additionally, we are working on finalizing the look of the gazebo and constructing the announcing booth/concession before Old Home Day. Fingers crossed.

I had a meeting with Casella about how the drop offs are going to work with the new cans. The week of March 18th the new cans will be delivered to each individual home. The week of the 25th on everyone's regular trash day if the resident wants their old can picked up, they must put a note on the can to "Please take this can". If the note blows off or is not there for any reason the can will not be taken. I know you approved for people to dispose of their cans at the Transfer Station if they either miss the pick-up. Lastly, for Class VI and Private Roads there is going to be a specific side of the road the cans will need to be placed on as the truck will be backing up the road. Two Casella managers will be following the truck that first week and will leave notes on the cans if they need to be placed on the other side of the street. For the most part if you think of the truck backing up the road, the cans will need to be on the same side as the passenger side of the vehicle.

Candidates Night had a pretty good turnout. I did invite all, but only candidates with opponents came which were the two Fire Commissioners and two Selectmen. It was very respectful on all sides. The recording was posted on our website.

Community Power will hold a Public Hearing with the County Delegation for adoption of the proposed plan on March 8th. I plan on listening in.

Respectfully submitted,

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