



Administration Monthly Report January 2024

In January, we filled the Health Officer with Mandy Hopkins of Northfield, and the Finance Directors position with Jessica Dow of Northfield. Mandy has already started and is picking up very quickly.

We sold both cars and the self, I have listed the desk and table, once gone hopefully this will clear up what we have for surplus.

I'm still working on closing out 2023, but getting very close. I've also started to work on the annual report as that has to go to the printer on Feb 16th.

Budget Committee met three times in January, and finalized the budget at 1.9% increase, not bad at all. I received emails from other towns and they are looking at increases from 3.5%-19.5% of an increase.

Capital Improvements Program met once in January; they are working on getting dollar figures for road projects. Adam and Jared Hebert started this in December and will continue to prioritize and get figures for the report.

Parks Commission met once in January, we are still going with the two more fundraisers one for a cord of wood and the other for a pallet of pellets, we'll draw the tickets once all are sold. We have 4 big events planned for 2024, plus we need to construct the announcing booth/concession stand and the gazebo.

As you know I attended the Lakes Region Cable Franchise Consortium meeting where we had Breezeline there to discuss the agreement. There was discussion regarding the need for a store to be open for technical services and paying bills. We asked Breezeline to look at their Belmont location as they still own it and still maintain it. We meet again in March.

I also attended the first Community Power meeting with Merrimack County, there were quite a few towns in attendance, the discussion was based on how the plan works, as I learn more about it, I'll have more to share. But I feel it was a good meeting and Northfield is on the right path.

Respectfully submitted,

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