

Town Manager Report


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Dementia Friendly Kick-Off Event

When

Monday, May 20th, 6-7:30pm

Where

Lunenburg Library

More information

This will be the big kick-off event for announcing that Lunenburg is in the process of becoming a recognized Dementia Friendly Community.

Walkability and Parking Study

The public meeting to perform a walk through of the two focus areas (Whalom area and Lunenburg Center) will be Saturday, June 1st at 1 p.m. with a rain date of Monday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Montachusett Regional Principal Planner Sheri Bean will lead the discussion and walk-through of the two focus areas the day of the meeting.

Green Communities Update and MOU for Green Communities Planning Assistance Grant

Last week I met with Kelly Brown from the Department of Energy and Environmental Resources, Karen Chapman from Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, and the contractor that has worked on all the town energy projects about the completion of the two remaining projects and the closeout process for the competitive grant the Town received totaling approximately \$198,000. We expect to complete both remaining projects this month, the State will come do an inspection of all the projects and a final report will be issued.

During this meeting we also discussed the next round of grant funding and possible projects the Town could apply for. One project we discussed was if the Town purchased the Street Lights at the next Town Meeting, we would be eligible to receive the costs to convert those lights to LED in our next competitive grant submission.

In order to assist the Town in preparing an application for the next competitive round I am requesting the Selectmen authorize me to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to have MRPC apply for the Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant that would pay for the associated costs for MRPC to complete and submit the Town's next Competitive Grant application. This grant application is due May 24th.

Education and Enforcement Coordinator Grant

At the MassToss meeting I attended last week, I spoke with our MassDEP Regional Planning Coordinator Irene Congdon about a grant through MassDEP that provides funding to municipalities to hire an Education and Enforcement Coordinator to enforce private hauler recycling requirements. We could apply with the Town of Townsend to split a Part Time position with a grant amount of \$30,000. This would require a 25% match from the communities, which if split with Townsend would be \$3,750 and could come from the educational contractual amount we receive from Casella annually. This would not be a town employee but a third party. In order to be eligible for this grant, the Town must have comprehensive hauler regulations that would need to be adopted by the Board of Health. I reached out to the Board of Health and they have a meeting scheduled for May 20th, which Irene and I will be attending. The Board of Health would need to hold a public hearing and have the process complete by the grant deadline of June 12th.

Meetings:

- Town Counsel will be holding monthly office hours on May 20th from noon until 4 pm.
- I attended the Dementia Friendly Action Committee meeting today.
- I will be attending a Dispatch Administration Board meeting on Wednesday, May 15th.
- I will be attending the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting on Wednesday, May 15th.
- I will be attending the Board of Health meeting on Monday, May 20th.

