

## **TOWN STATUS REPORT**

**August 26, 2024**

### **1. Milford Swing Bridge Update**

Town Staff is scheduled to meet with NH Department of Transportation representatives to discuss and finalize the funding and phasing for the Milford Swing Bridge replace and restoration project and associated over the next two weeks. Currently, the cost for the project is approximately \$1,000,000 with the Town's required commitment of 20% or \$200,000.

### **2. Milford EMS Services to Mont Vernon**

On August 1, 2024, Ambulance Director, Schelberg and I met with the Mont Vernon Town Administrator, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to (1) discuss the questions generated by the Town requesting additional information involving costs, billing, contractual terms and (2) timeline for a final decision. The Town of Mont Vernon is continuing its due diligence in evaluating options from both Milford and Amherst for an EMS provider for their community. As such, they were not in a position to provide additional information and it was unclear on when a decision would be made by their Board of Selectmen.

When this topic was previously discussed earlier this year with Milford Select Board, members raised a number of concerns involving, but not limited to current staffing levels/vacancies, reduced level of service for Milford, and wear/tear on vehicles. Before proceeding forward, Staff is seeking guidance from the Select Board to determine if the Town should continue to engage with Town of Mont Vernon for 2024-2025 period.

### **3. Milford Impact Fee Study**

The Community Development Office contracted with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) to review and update the Town's Impact Fee Schedule. The NRPC completed their study and met with the Planning Board at the August 6<sup>th</sup> work session to present their methodology, types of impact fees, projected associated costs, and potential implementation. The discussion was continued by the Planning Board to the September work session to allow NRPC to respond to the questions and recommendation from the Board.

An impact fee is typically a one-time payment imposed by a local government on a property developer. The fee is meant to offset the financial impact a new development places on public infrastructure. Public infrastructure includes roads, schools, parks, recreational facilities, water and sewerage, among other services. Impact fee ordinances are authorized by New Hampshire RSA 674:21 V.

### **4. Retirement of IT Director and Succession Planning**

Our current IT Planning Director, Bruce Dickerson is set to retire at the end of September. We truly appreciate Mr. Dickerson's many years of welcomed guidance, contributions to the Town, and constantly moving the proverbial needle forward. On behalf of the Town, we wish him all the best in his retirement and opportunities to enjoy his growing family. He will continue to assist the town during the transition to a new director and part-time role with the Town.

The Town recently hired Mr. Dickerson's replacement. The Town is truly fortunate to promote an experienced and qualified person from within the Department to continue to build upon high level of service, established programs, and strategic planning efforts. It is our pleasure to announce that Randy Ippolito, formerly the IT Assistant, has been promoted to the position of IT Director.

### **5. Keyes Memorial Park – Community Webcam**

Granite Town Media recently installed a community webcam at the Keyes Memorial Park near the tennis courts. The camera function similarly to the Oval and Transfer Station cameras and can be accessed via the Town website.