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Town Manager's Monthly Report: June 2023



Matt Lawless meets Sophie

Meeting the Team

As a new leader in town, much of the first month involved getting to know our people, facilities, and operations. I met with staff, inspected buildings, and attended committee meetings. From parks and playgrounds to water pipes and garages, we do a lot!

The Town of Shelburne has an outstanding, dedicated staff and volunteer corps providing public services. I was very happily surprised to meet Sophie, a dedicated public servant at the Pierson Library.

Shelburne Forward Together

Vermont's Council for Rural Development has a 25-year tradition of Community Visits, a free program for community organizing. Shelburne is the 89th Vermont town to benefit from this support.

A steering team of about 20 diverse Shelburnites met to plan three special events. Everyone is welcome, especially new residents or folks who haven't been involved in town before.

July 27: a kickoff party, free dinner, and brainstorm

August 22: focused discussion, setting priorities

September 28: committing to action,
volunteers stepping up

Come on out!



Community organizer
Jenna Koloski

Notable Upcoming Public Meetings

July 11: Selectboard will discuss wastewater and stormwater budgets

July 12: Shelburne Summer Concert!

July 13: Historic Preservation discuss new zoning

July 27: Community Visit launch party

Slow and Steady: Wastewater Plant Project Engineering Underway

The community has already had much discussion about Shelburne's need to consolidate and upgrade the Town's two aging wastewater treatment plants. This project has generational impact and substantial cost. It will need careful planning to make sure it meets the community's needs for many years to come. Shelburne's upgraded treatment plant needs to be clean, quiet, and efficient in sending high quality water back into Lake Champlain. We are still months away from having a full set of blueprints and cost estimates. Eventually, this project will go to referendum for a bond issue to pay for the work. Keep an eye out for progress updates and questions where we need public input.

To start my work, I visited both our plants and met with our staff and consulting engineers. Our existing systems and staff achieve top-notch results for quality of wastewater treatment, but the equipment is aging. This is a nation-wide problem. Many towns used federal aid to build their first modern sewage plants in the 1960s and '70s, and now they are due to renovate or replace that aging infrastructure.

UV light helps purify water at the southern (Turtle Ln.) plant



The northern (Crown Rd.) plant discharges to Lake Champlain



Key Performance Indicators Coming Soon

Every month, this space will have basic statistics about the Town's most important operations and results. I am still learning the ropes and assessing these details with our department heads.

One good example of a performance indicator is this one, for planning & zoning. The Town Plan calls for 25-50 dwellings per year as manageable growth with respect to services and natural resources.

2023 Certificates of Occupancy: **30**

Next month's report will have a fuller list of performance indicators!

Attention, Parade Rest

Discussion will continue in the coming months about any possible Parade improvements. The Selectboard has listened carefully to public comments. Please continue to share your ideas together.



Historic Preservation & Design Review Commission on site with neighbors

Digital Good Housekeeping

Selectboard members now have town-hosted email addresses. This improves data security and transparency to the public. Please update your contacts:
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