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Town Manager's Report: November 2023



Winter Lights

Shelburne Museum graciously extended an invitation to Town of Shelburne employees for the opening night of Winter Lights 2023. It was a warm fall evening and the museum grounds were lit up beautifully; it was so magical seeing the *Ticonderoga* and the train all lit up. Our employees and their families enjoyed a stroll through the grounds, and we loved running into each other outside of work.

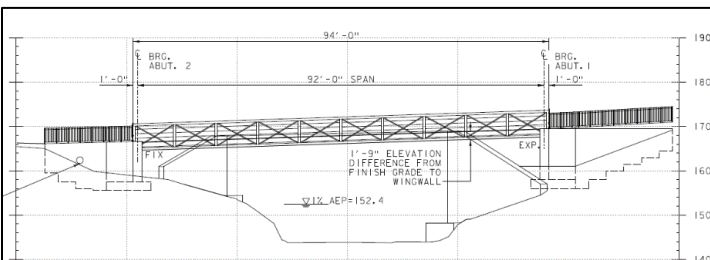
Winter Lights runs through January 6. This year they added Wednesday evening drive-throughs for those with mobility issues. More info and tickets available here: shelburnemuseum.org/visit/winter-lights/

Town Construction Projects

With a lot of help from American Rescue Plan funding, the Town pushes forward on several notable construction projects. The new beach house is an active job site, and the steel columns just went up. That project has a fantastic team of local businesses, volunteers, and Town staff. This month, the Selectboard voted to accept a construction contract for the Falls Road bridge, and make a final grant application for it. Costs to build here keep rising. I feel a sense of urgency.



Beach House structural steel rising



Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- December 1:** Town Tree Lighting!
- December 12:** Selectboard focus on budget
- December 25:** Town offices closed
- December 26:** No Selectboard meeting

Budget Spotlight: “Urban Services”

In October, the Planning Commission recommended a capital plan of the Town’s future needs for buildings and heavy equipment. Then in November, the Selectboard took their first look at our operating budget needs for next year. I described one of the themes as an increasing commitment to urban-style services. Some of the changes:

- Rescue proposed to hire several new paramedics and offer an increased level of service with more full-time staff, while continuing volunteerism.
- Police proposed to reach full staffing at 12 officers and train a detective for solving the increased complexity and severity of crimes in our region.
- Library proposed more substitute staff to fully cover their operating hours, and correct chronically low wages to retain staff and offer strong programs.

On the capital side, there are replacements of an aging fire engine and an ambulance, as well as design or construction of several pedestrian paths. The bond vote on the wastewater plant can be in November. Our community demands this quality of service, and we can do it.



These public safety vehicles are well maintained but at the end of their useful life. With new equipment, our team can do its very best work.



Local Option Tax revenue is in!

Shelburne’s community recently advocated for a local option tax to support our infrastructure investments. The state legislature granted this authority, and the local tax took effect July 1. But it took until late November for the Town to actually receive the first payment. It was about \$260,000! This is on target with expectations. Diversified revenue helps the Town achieve community goals with lower real estate taxes.

Welcome to the team!

Shelburne welcomes two new specialists to the team of public servants. Congratulations!

Marc Aube joins the highways team as a diesel mechanic. You will also see him around plowing snow. He has solid experience in this work.

Robert Caldwell joins the public safety team as a dispatcher. He is a very active volunteer and is dedicated to community service!



Professor Farnsworth from the animated series Futurama

Now Hiring!

The Town has a few new positions to fill! These are exciting additions to our team, and they will make a big difference all around town. Apply today, or recommend a friend!

- Library staff (substitute)
- Human Resources Coordinator
- Police Officer (experienced or trainee)

For details and to apply, www.shelburnevt.org/jobs