



Town of Shelburne, Vermont

CHARTERED 1763

P.O. BOX 88 5420 SHELBURNE ROAD SHELBURNE, VT 05482

Clerk/Treasurer
(802) 985-5116

Town Manager
(802) 985-5111

Zoning & Planning
(802) 985-5118

Assessor
(802) 985-5115

Recreation
(802) 985-5110

FAX Number
(802) 985-9550

Town Manager's Report: March 2024

From the desk of Matt Lawless



Town Meeting

Shelburne continued its annual democratic tradition on March 4. I was proud to join the event and share an evening of civics with our community. From the dinner and poetry to the drama of a floor debate and the details of schools finance, Shelburne's residents, staff, and volunteers made it a well-attended and positive night. The Town's budget and ballot items all passed. We are moving forward with new initiatives to start July 1, most notably the recruitment of new full-time paramedics. Design work for the fire engine tanker is also underway.



Town Meeting 2024

Eclipse

Shelburne will be part of Vermont's astronomical festivities on April 8th, when the shadow of the moon passes over our part of the earth's surface. Many local businesses have special events on the big day, and Town's staff are working together for a community event at the Athletic Club's ballfields.

Eclipse tips:

- Partial eclipse 2:15-4:30. Totality 3:26pm.
- Prepare for heavy traffic. Try biking!
- Eclipse glasses protect your eyes.
- Remember about Mud Season.
- Enjoy amazing sunset colors.
- Wildlife may behave differently.
- Tourists may behave differently.



Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

April 8: Eclipse

April 16: CVU special election

April 17: Application deadline for Beach hiring

April 22: Local legislators' briefing at library

April 23: Selectboard focus on use of fund balance

What's new around town

Business Visits

It's important for me to understand local businesses and how they function within our region's economy. From Fiddlehead Brewing to Shelburne Shipyard, we have innovative and civic-minded businesses doing good work. Workforce housing is a top concern.



New neighbors

Susan Elliot and I visited Howard Center's open house recently. The Lakeview House went up very quickly, just south of the Dutch Mill. This building is home to 16 adults with disabilities, and it has a regular staff of nurses and caregivers. Vermont's housing crisis needs a broad portfolio of solutions. Lakeview House is one piece of the puzzle.

Honoring Police and Dispatch

Shelburne Museum hosted an important ceremony in March. We promoted several police officers, welcomed new hires, and recognized the outstanding service of this team. Families, staff, and neighbors attended to thank them for their. This is an outstanding group of public servants. We are still hiring for patrol cadets!



Thanks to the road crew

Saturday, March 23rd was a heavy snow day, after a winter of above-average temperatures and less snow. I took the opportunity to ride with Paul Goodrich in his snowplow for a few hours of the morning. From the passenger side, I had a good view of the wing plowing very close to curbs. Facts from Paul: the rear box deposits about 400 pounds of salt per mile, but below 18 degrees, salt works poorly. By Monday, the sun was out and Spear Street's bike lanes were perfect for riding. Thanks to our road crew for all their hard work!