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Town Manager's Report: June 2024



From the desk of Matt Lawless

Only the Beginning of the Adventure

In June our team congratulated two department heads on their well-earned retirements from public service. Darwin Norris and Peter Frankenburg together served over 50 years with the Town of Shelburne. Darwin's efforts with buildings and grounds, and Peter's financial management, together kept the lights on here, literally. Their commitment to neighbors and coworkers represents the best of local government.

In both service areas, succession planning has gone smoothly to carry on the legacy of their great work. New buildings and grounds staff start in early July, and a Finance Director recruitment is underway.



Paramedics and New Head of Service

Shelburne Rescue received its Paramedic level certification from state authorities. Our EMT team can soon begin offering this higher level of medical care, which is a great step for our public service.

We also hired a new, full-time Rescue Head of Service. Andrew Kehl starts work in August. He volunteered with Shelburne in the past and has worked at UVM and in the Army. More to come!



Fire Department awards

Chief Dickerson led this annual tradition in June. Fire-fighter Charlie Jones won Rookie of the Year. He's an outstanding volunteer from technical rescue to trails planning! Thanks, Charlie!

Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- July 2:** Special Selectboard meeting
- July 4:** office closed for Independence Day
- July 9:** Falls Road installation, no SB meeting
- July 14:** Special gathering of committee chairs
- July 23:** Regular Selectboard meeting

What's new around town

Safety on Falls:
A Village Traffic Calming Demonstration

Making Shelburne a walkable, bikeable and livable community

Share the Road!

More Information:

The Town of
SHELBURNE
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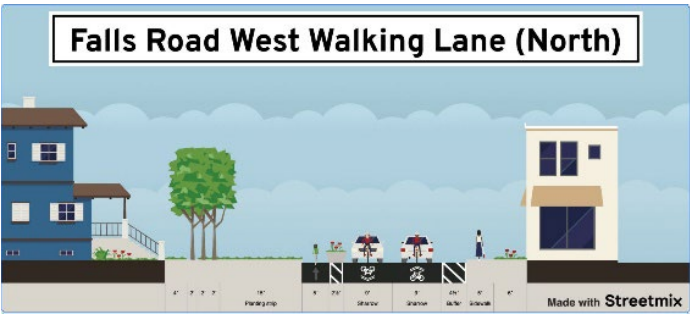
LOCAL MOTION

Coming soon: summer glow-up for Falls Road!

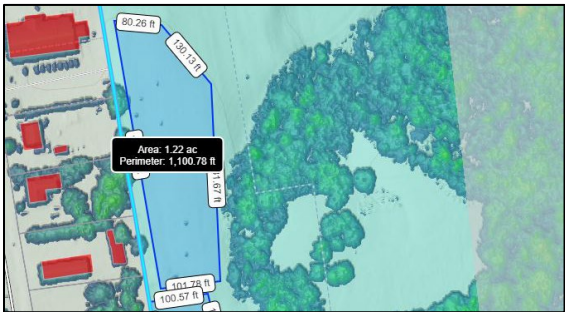
Volunteers have worked for months to plan this temporary project, which launches July 9th and lasts through the summer. The goal is to enhance the village main street, support businesses, and make a safer space for everyone. We'll add crosswalks, street arts, plantings, and more space for walking and biking –no centerline on the street.

The project area is Falls Road between the 7/Harbor intersection and Church Street. The supplies are all paid with an AARP grant. They support safe and welcoming places for their members.

This kind of pilot project helps us learn what works, or not. You can join in the build, and then try out the new design of street!



Follow the project online here



Listening and Changing Course

Since last month's edition of this newsletter, the Climate & Energy Committee decided to pull the plug on this idea for solar panels on Town property near the post office. I helped them with the research and outreach. We heard many perspectives about this not being the best location. That's a healthy dialogue. We'll keep working on other ways to help the environment and reduce the Town's costs for energy.



Beach House Grand Opening

The 25th annual Back to the Beach event felt extra special this year. We opened the long-awaited new building! A rainy day cleared up for exactly the couple of hours we needed to celebrate together.

From volunteer architecture to donated wood from Shelburne Farms, this project brought the community together. It's a beautiful and functional building.

Come on down to the beach and try it!

Architect Jeff McBride cuts the ribbon