

Town Administrator Update



March 5th, 2024

- Our water looping projects are ongoing. As mentioned at your last meeting, contractors will be “stubbing” out properties as they go along to avoid future road openings. Once the design phase is complete this spring communication will go out to residents who qualify to connect.
- Heading into this past October Special Town meeting we made several cuts to the Municipal Building Project as part of a cost-savings push to limit the burden to our taxpayers. Among this was the EV charging stations. I am happy to report our team has identified a \$50k incentive that will cover the cost entirely, allowing us to add them back into the project design.
- I met with Mike Myers of TEC and Lars Unhjem (Villebridge Middleton Developer) to continue conversations surrounding a potential MassWorks or HousingWorks Grant. MassWorks has a \$2.5 million cap, while HousingWorks is an average award of \$2.5 million with a \$5 million cap. We are preparing an expression of interest due on April 30th that will keep us in line for a June application date.
- MassDevelopment was on site on Thursday the 22nd as part of the early conversations surrounding the redevelopment of Memorial Hall.
- We officially released an RFB for subcontractors on Thursday, February 29th and expect responses for March 21st. This keeps us on track for our late April/Early May groundbreaking.
- I met with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development today to discuss potential future partnerships and opportunities in Middleton.
- Our team met with the teams in Topsfield in Boxford to discuss the Masco capital plan and the financial logistics surrounding those expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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