

Town Administrator's Report
April 9th – 16th, 2024

1. Administration: I have an off-site Municipal Managers' meeting scheduled for late morning on Friday, April 19th – with your approval, of course – then would take the rest of the day off since I am over maxed out on personal time.
2. Assessing: There were four (4) actual property sales in February 2024 for an average of \$532k. Six (6) additional transactions were transfers. We should absolutely consider upping our "average house price" for tax rate purposes; it's at \$350k now and I can't remember the last time I saw a house sell in that price range.
3. Budget/Warrant: We have forty-two (42) Warrant Articles –
 - one for elections,
 - seven for zoning amendments,
 - one for the Operating Budget,
 - five petitions: two for abolishing ballot counting machines and returning to hand-counting, one for hand-counting the 2024 Presidential Election specifically, one petition to divert 50% of LUCT funds into the Highway CIP, and one for SB2,
 - four for repurposing CRF/ETFs,
 - seven for funding existing CRFs/ETFs,
 - four for spending from existing CRFs/ETFs,
 - three for establishing new CRFs/ETFs,
 - one for conservation easements,
 - two for amending veterans' credits and elderly/disabled exemptions,
 - one for a complete road discontinuance,
 - one for the solar array,
 - one for the Post Office Lease,
 - one for reroofing the Municipal Complex ("Town Hall"), and
 - one placeholder for funding the hand-counted ballots petition WAs; I am still calculating possible costs.

The Public Hearings for the Budget/Warrant and SB2 are taking place this Thursday, April 18th. They were both properly noticed (only SB2 needed to be published in a newspaper; we utilized the Union Leader).

4. Electricity: My Zoom with Affinity (the LED lighting company) is on Monday, April 22nd, if anyone else is interested in sitting in.
5. Fire Department: As mentioned by Phil earlier this week, the prospective new pumper will be on site at Town Meeting. We'll need to mark out a parking spot for it in advance as parking is (as you know) pretty tight at Town Hall.
6. Intersection: A gentleman from NH DOT is coming to this week's BOS meeting to discuss potentially installing a regular stop light at the 102/121 intersection...

7. Town Hall: As mentioned previously, Matt went up on the roof with some sort of sealant for the rubber roof and the hallway and my office continue dry.