

To: Minturn Town Council  
From: Michelle Metteer  
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RE: Town Manager Update

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### **Railroad Ave Pedestrian Improvements Grant Extension**

Minturn is excited to have received approval from the Public Utilities Commission for the planned improvements along Railroad Ave to increase pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular safety. Due to the delay in receiving the PUC approval, Minturn will be submitting an extension request to begin construction in the spring of 2025. Inter-Mountain Engineering is now working on an RFP for advertising.

### **Eagle River Quiet Title Progress**

I have continued working with Rob Marsh, Jester, Gibson & Moore in preparation for the Eagle River Quiet Title work. The Council was emailed the draft notice to residents several weeks ago and staff anticipates the notification will be mailed out just after the first of the year. Again, this effort is for the riverbed only and will not be impacting anyone's already titled property. Rob Marsh, Esq. will be the primary point of contact for this effort.

### **Main Street Phase II Sidewalks – Permanent Easement Acquisition**

CDOT is awaiting Minturn's first reimbursement request, which Jay Brunvand is putting together now. Once submitted, the Town can advertise for the project and for construction management services simultaneously. Additionally, the Town will be seeking as part of this project a permanent easement from Vail Associates (VA) for drainage across a parcel of land VA owns between HWY 24 and the river. Greg Jamison with HDR Inc. is leading this acquisition process and is subcontracted through Stolfus Engineering.

### **Highlands Parcel Public Discussion Preparation**

Staff are preparing the materials to conduct a public outreach and discussion process to determine how the recently acquired parcels (part of the Battle North settlement) will be utilized. As part of this process a webpage is being created providing background material and information on the two parcels themselves. This will also be turned into an informational flyer for those who do not have access to the internet. An e-blast is expected to go out the week of January 6, 2025, notifying Minturn residents of this effort in hopes of garnering public discussion and feedback. **The tentative Open House date for gathering initial feedback is scheduled for January 29, 2025.**

### **First Friday Events Update - December**

Minturn conducted the fourth First Friday event on December 6, 2024. This First Friday event was combined with the annual Town Tree Lighting given the geographic proximity of the two and staff has received positive feedback on the combining of the two events. Economic Development Coordinator, Cindy Krieg, has provided a post-event synopsis which is included with this manager's report for further review.

### **VisitMinturnRedCliff.com**

Minturn and Red Cliff, through a grant from the Colorado Tourism Office, have created the [www.VisitMinturnRedCliff.com](http://www.VisitMinturnRedCliff.com) website and corresponding visitor guide to support responsible outdoor recreation in these areas. Printed guides will be available at the Eagle Valley Airport, short-term rentals, and all area hotels, as well as Minturn and Red Cliff businesses and Town Halls.