

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



Congressman Neguse Community Meeting

I attended the community meeting of Congressman Neguse on Wednesday, April 24th where the Congressman graciously took questions from the audience. I took this opportunity to ask the Congressman for help in scheduling a meeting between local representatives and CDOT Director Lew for the purpose of discussing the West Vail Pass project. Minturn's desire to keep I-70 traffic out of our small community is imperative to Minturn's safety needs and completing this project is one element toward pushing that needle forward. The Congressman indicated his office was willing to help in this area and we hope to hear more soon.

Certified Local Government - Grant Award

Madison Harris completed and was awarded on behalf of the Town a grant to cover \$25,000 toward the costs of a Resource Survey for the Town. This Resource Survey analyzes the structures in Minturn and provides valuable historical insight for each property as appropriate. This Resource Survey will be a valuable addition to Minturn's Historic Preservation Program. This will work toward educating residents and property owners of the historic nature of the Town's structures. The grant award letter has been included for reference.

Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR)

I represented Minturn at the IMPTTR meeting and annual retreat on April 19th. At this meeting the voting members approved updated bylaws, discussed the West Vail Pass project, and then started the retreat process which will be ongoing for at least the next meeting. IMPTTR is considering sending a West Vail Pass Project support letter to CDOT Director Lew and Governor Polis on behalf of the Planning Region which includes all the municipalities, counties and regional transit agencies for Summit, Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, and Lake counties.

Water Tank – Pressure Reducing Valve (For full use of both water tanks)

Minturn has received the list of action steps from the State of Colorado for the execution of installing a pressure reducing valve in an already-existing building. This will include a historic survey and environmental assessment in addition to following all BABA and Davis Bacon requirements. To summarize, going through the State to use the remainder of the water tank loan funds for this work will cost Minturn more than should the Town pay cash. I have asked Jarod Limke to provide a cost estimate for this project once he has reached sufficient design level to determine if this project as a cash expense is a better opportunity for the Town. The lining of the old tank will already be a cash project, it is just a matter of determining the pressure reducing valve installation costs. More to come.

Minturn North Development

The Minturn North team is preparing to start work on the grading and utilities portion of the newly approved project. There will be an illuminated message board by the project, as well as additional signage with a QR code for where to find project information and contact numbers. The Town will share this information via the Town website as well. The developer has assured the Town that parking for the Game Creek trailhead will remain open except for when specific utility work to that area is conducted.

Out of Office

I will be out of the office June 17-21 and not attending the June 19th Council meeting. Mike Sawyer will attend that meeting, in person, in my absence.