

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
Date: December 20, 2023
RE: Town Manager Update



Bulb-Outs on Main Street Intersections

As a reminder, CDOT denied Minturn's request for temporary bulb-outs at Minturn's four main intersections along Main Street. These bulb outs would provide increased line of sight and improve safety at these intersections extensively. Although CDOT was not supportive of the temporary option, they did indicate they would support permanent bulb-out options. I am now interested in understanding Council's interest in exploring permanent bulb-out options. If Council is interested, I will request Jeff Spanel to provide an engineer's opinion of probable cost.

Snow Plowing Operations

As a reminder, only residents are approved to push snow into the Not-A-Park snow dump area for free. If snowplow contractors want to push snow into that area, they need to have the property owner sign up with the town and pay the fee. There has been some confusion with contractors thinking they can also push snow into this area and that is not how the Ordinance was approved.

Minturn Tank Operations

Tank #3 is now online and operational. I will be discussing tank loan options with the State Revolving Loan Fund representative to determine if leftover loan funds can be used to facilitate the functioning of the two tanks interchangeably. If funds can be used to improve the functioning of the system, Minturn may want to install a valve box on HWY 24. I will have more information after discussing this option with the SRF representative.

USGS Gauge on Cross Creek

Minturn currently pays for the USGS gauge on Cross Creek. This comes at an annual cost of around \$16,000. This is a federal program and I have reached out to USGS to understand why Minturn incurs this cost. Unless there is a specific reason in one of Minturn's water rights decrees I expect Minturn to drop this expense. The CWCB and Division 5 Engineer use this gauge to make the instream flow call on Cross Creek. I expect if they wish to continue making the instream flow call on Cross Creek, they will support the federal government in maintaining the costs of the gauge.