

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Jay Brunvand
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RE: Town Manager Update



MuniBilling Utility Billing System

This continues but is going quite well considering the massive changes. Please let me know if you have constituents that have questions or if you have any questions.

Minturn Education Fund

The Minturn Education Fund Scholarship applications were due by end of business on March 14, 2025! As of this writing we have received eight applications and I know of one that should be coming in. Early the week of 3/17 I will get the applications to the Scholarship Board Secretary who will review each one for completeness. I am looking at scholarship interviews in a couple weeks and awards thereafter.

Town Manager Search

We are pressing down the final stretch of this phase of the search. I anticipate an update from KRW for the April 2 council packet with next steps. The close date for applications is Friday March 14.

Holy Cross Electric

I met with HCE regarding the Avon to Gilman high power transmission line project that has been under study for the past several years. The current proposal was agreed to by HCE about a year ago and has been the foundation of the NEPA hearings. The difference from prior iterations is an additional mile or so of undergrounding from the Vail Boneyard to the USFS office and they eliminated the HWY 24 overhead crossing by undergrounding it. They have been talking with the USFS regarding the NEPA review and the FS would like to extend the public process a little. Although HCE would like to meet with Council, they need to hold off until some of these matters have played out. They noted a tentative meeting with Council would be late summer or Fall of this year.

Water Treatment Plant

Although this project is on Katie's radar, I am involved as the Town Treasurer. We are looking at several meetings in the coming week or so to try to get a handle on a VERY expensive project while still trying to maintain our current timeline. My concerns continue that the time line is too tight in light of the mass of the project, the uncertainty of our Federal Government's financial commitments, and the Fed's efforts to exacerbate already high costs.

Please feel free to contact either or both Katie and I if you have any questions.