



TOWN OF NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE *of the* TOWN MANAGER

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

April 6, 2022

Director of Planning and Community Development: On the agenda for your confirmation is my appointment of Bart McDonough as the new Director of Planning and Community Development. Mr. McDonough is currently serving as Town Planner for the Town of Kittery. He has served in that position since March 2020. During his time as Town Planner, he was instrumental in a fast-growing community, working to ensure the proper development for its future. Previously he served in similar positions in Salisbury, MA and for the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

Code Enforcement: The new director's first project will be to hire a new code enforcement officer. We are already working on revising the ad and job description and will begin advertising for the position again shortly.

Town Engineer: As part of the FY23 budget, a new position of Town Engineer was approved. This position will administer all town capital projects; review plans for the community development; designs, prepares specifications and inspects municipal construction projects; prepares asset management programs to maintain infrastructure, just to say a few.

I am currently working on a job description and will advertise for the position shortly in order to have someone on board this summer.

Moody Point Storm Water Grant: The Town is going to work with the Moody Point Homeowners Association which agreed to applying for a Planning and Assessment grant up to \$100,000 available through the NHDES Coastal Program and Watershed Assistance Section for Cushing Road/Lubberland Road/Moody Point stormwater management projects. This study will look at all drainage within Moody Point which is contributing to run-off from and onto Town roads and outflows to Great Bay. It is the intention to create a better system to lessen the impact on the bay.

We are not able to apply for the Implementation grant funding now but we believe additional programs will be available for implementation projects in the future and as such the Town would

be supportive in moving forward with applying for such funding or working with the Moody Point community.

Rt. 108 and Rt. 152: I met with representatives from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the State Department of Transportation to discuss adding a project to the State’s 10-year plan. The Ten-Year Plan consists of New Hampshire’s funding priorities for improvements to the transportation system over the next ten years. The plan gets updated every two years and is signed into state law through the legislative process.

This project would begin planning to address the intersection South Main St and Exeter St. for safety improvements. This is very preliminary, but it may consist of

- Close eastbound lane of South Main St (NH152) between South St and NH108 intersection.
- Re-route eastbound NH152 traffic onto Gerry Ave
- Intersection and traffic control improvements at adjacent intersections
 - Gerry Ave & NH108 (Exeter St): needs consideration for trucks turning left onto NH108 from Gerry Ave
 - Gerry Ave & NH152 (South Main St): signage to alert drivers of closure; consider any intersection improvements for traffic flow and safety
 - Speed management improvements for remaining westbound lane of NH152 (NH 108 southbound) to mitigate “slingshot” effect on curve.



Joint Town Council – School Board Meeting: Just a reminder that we will be having our joint meeting with the school board on April 13, here at Town Hall.

Sewer and Water Impact Fees: I will be receiving a presentation on this prior to the meeting.

Town Council Orientation: I will have a brief presentation to go over with the entire council.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Fournier". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'S' and 'F'.

Stephen R. Fournier
Town Manager