



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: April 7, 2023
Re: Info Update

“EH” FRAME

Next week I will be in Canada at a backwoods cabin skiing my heart and lungs out with no access to wifi or cell service. Greg LeBlanc will be in charge as the Acting Town Manager and is fully authorized to move all the town’s business forward while I am gone. See you on the 17th.

CULVERT PROJECT

As you are all aware, construction has started on the BHE gas line on Owl Creek Road. The contractor has completed roto milling of the work area. They have mobilized the gas pipe and have started welding. The Fire Department is involved in the logistics of traffic control. During the days there will be flaggers to manage the one lane of traffic. During the evenings and weekends a traffic signal will be in place to account for the open trench (plated) and the staging of equipment. This staging is necessary to eliminate a daily demobilization and delay progress to meet project timelines. They are working on the nuisances of skier / commuting traffic and will work to accommodate those flows. The full closure of Brush Creek Road is still anticipated about mid-May.

THEY SAID NO

The Feds did not approve our grant request for 6 new buses in the next year. They want to see our buses get more milage and years of service on them before they consider helping replace them. While this is bad news, additionally, we have seen 50-100% price increases on Cutaways and Gillig buses, so its like a quadruple whammy. In the coming weeks we will need to reconsider how we fund our bus replacement program. While this is not good news, a silver lining is this may encourage us to transition to an electric fleet earlier. Of course, that is not an inexpensive silver lining either.

TID BITS

- Mark your calendar, Town Clean-up Day is Friday May 19.
- We are currently advertising for 19 positions here at TOSV.
- The Recreation Center is busy. We had the highest March revenues on record and a 20% increase of “check-ins” over last March (6,011 check ins vs 4,954 check ins)
- Summer camp registration is open. 40% of the days are already full.
- The POSTR Board will discuss the topic of e- bikes and leash laws at their May 9 meeting.
- Little Red Schoolhouse proposals are being evaluated.

- February sales taxes revenues came in 10% higher than last year. Marijuana and tobacco tax revenue came in 28% lower than last February. Lodging tax was up by over 19% this February over last February.
- March Transit ridership was up 6% over last year, (85k vs 80K) but is still about 20% behind peak pre pandemic numbers.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING RECREATION CENTER CLOSURES

- April 9 (Easter) - Recreation Center closed.
- April 17 through mid-May - Hot tub closed for a resurfacing project.
- April 19-21 - Recreation Center closed for maintenance.
- April 17-21 - Leisure pool closed for maintenance.
- April 24-27 - Lap pool closed for maintenance.

CC: Department Directors