



Memorandum

Office of the Town Manager

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Kyle Harris, Town Manager

Date: April 1, 2024

Subject: Town Manager Report for April 1, 2024

1. On March 28th, we had a preconstruction meeting for the state paving project of Main Street and Sunapee Street. This project will pave 1.4 miles of roadway. At this time, the contractor is looking at a mid-May start date with completion by June 1. The milling and paving will be completed at night. We encourage all residents parking in and around Main Street to pay close attention to signage as parking and traffic flow will be changing throughout construction. We will have additional information closer to the start of construction.
2. Deliberative Session is at Newport Middle High School Gym at 6PM on April 2nd. Any resident that needs to register to vote they may do that from 5:30PM to 6PM with the supervisors of the checklist. They need to provide Proof of Age, ID, Domicile (physical address) and Citizenship.
3. Dog Licensing for all dogs is due by April 30, 2024. Licensing can be processed online, by mail in person or over the phone with a credit card. The last of the renewal reminders went to the Post Office this past Friday
4. The comfort dog, Ebby, had multiple deployments the last week. In addition to the usual PR events, he was used for the first time during a victim interview as well during a medical emergency to help with a victim in crisis.
5. We are currently completing the process of receiving the funds from a \$15,000 competitive federal grant that we applied for and was awarded last year for Body Worn

Cameras. That is in addition to a \$15,000 state grant for Body Worn Cameras for which we have already received funds. So, in total, we are receiving almost \$31,000 towards the \$41,000 purchase that we made in December.

6. Registration for Summer Day Camp Opened today. Camp runs Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM and runs from June 24 to August 16th. Camp is for ages 6 to 12. Please register at newportrec.com
7. Green Clean up will take place from April 22nd to April 29th. Our goal is pick up 100 bags of garbage. Please contact Newport Recreation for more details
8. We have three new employees in the Public Works Department Christian McFarland and John Cleveland started the end of February and Scott Stanton started today. The public works department still has one Truck Driver Position open. For more information, please go to www.newportnh.gov or stop in to town hall
9. A contractor was chosen for guardrail replacement next to Corbin Bridge. Project is within budget and Staff is applying for a state permit.
10. The Department of Public Works met with United Construction to kick off the 2023 sidewalk construction project for Belknap, Park, and Elm Street. We expect work to begin shortly.
11. We have applied for numerous grant projects the Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed spending. These projects include Parking Lot Improvements, Opera House HVAC, Town Hall HVAC, Reclamation of the Door Lagoons, Solar Array Expansion at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility, and Generators for various locations