

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

June 12, 2023

I have continued to work with the Selectboard on an update to the Strategic Plan. To date, we have met three times. The next step in the process is for me to produce a new draft Strategic Plan for the Board to review and edit.

On June 5th, I spoke at the Library. The topic was "Ask Jeff Anything." A majority of the questions addressed the housing situation, both the condition of blighted properties and the lack of workforce housing. I told them about our efforts to address the blighted properties with more focused code enforcement and the recent Board action to demolish three properties. As for the lack of workforce housing, I sympathized with their concerns. At this point, the funding from the State is nearly all allocated to address homelessness and low-income housing. We agreed that the Town already has enough low-income housing. We also spoke about addressing our aging infrastructure.

After the Board's action at the last meeting, I'm very happy to announce that Roy Farrar has accepted the position of Superintendent of Water and Nate Fraser has accepted the position of Superintendent of Wastewater. I am very thankful that they have both embraced the challenges of their positions very quickly.

I am also very pleased to congratulate William Guzzo and Gabriel Freeman on graduating from the Police Academy and obtaining their certification as Vermont Police Officers. This brings the patrol division up to 11 officers. Officers Guzzo and Freeman must now complete their field training in Springfield.