

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

December 12, 2022

There was a raid on Valley Street on November 30. This raid was a joint effort by federal, state, and local agencies. I want to thank all the dedicated officers of these agencies that collaborated on this raid. Springfield, like many municipalities in the state, and the country, is experiencing an increase in drug related and violent crime. Continuing joint efforts, such as these, are very important to addressing these issues. They are, and will continue, making a difference.

I have met with Stantec, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, and a representative of the State of Vermont about our Northern Gateway scoping project. This is the project that evaluates the options and feasibility of a shared use path along River Street between the Plaza and Elm Hill. This is the first step towards enhancing the northern entrance to our downtown, which is a part of our Main Street Master Plan.

Thanks to the hard work of the Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee, the staff at Public Works, and the staff at Parks and Recreation, we are making good progress on the VOREC grant. The most recent part of the grant was the installation of 3 kiosks to provide trail information in Hartness Park and along Toonerville Trail.

Following the normal schedule of meetings, the next Selectboard Meeting would have been December 26th. However, since that is a holiday, the next Board meeting will be next Monday, December 19th.