

TOWN HALL MONTHLY: June 2026

The Town's spring projects are moving forward. At the end of April the Select Board reviewed proposals for paving on Cold Pond Road as voted at Town Meeting. Springfield Paving was the successful bidder coming in below our budget for the project. The replacement voted for the 2018 Dodge truck at Town Meeting is operational and the Dodge is being auctioned with help from Glenn Elsseser. Engineers for the Forest Road Bridge replacement are proceeding with needed right of way easements from abutting land owners as that project moves toward bidding this fall.

Our Highway Department has dealt with the usual mud season areas and begun spring grading and culvert maintenance. With warmer weather materials are available for pothole repairs and crack sealing on our paved roads. The Department is working with Cold River Bridges as they mobilize to make repairs to the bridge on Grout Hill Road funded by money encumbered from last year's unspent bridge account. We were fortunate to be able to purchase a roadside mower for the amount of one year's contract mowing. In the past our contract mowing has been limited by cost, weather and equipment availability. Keeping up with roadside mowing makes all of our other road maintenance more efficient.

Having a new Select Board member has given the board an opportunity to be reminded of the basis for the decisions it is asked to make. A normal agenda includes approving all payments being made by the Town which is based on the budget voted at Town Meeting. Approval of building permit applications is based on the Zoning Ordinance's charge that the board uphold and enforce the Zoning Ordinance. Approval of an Intent to Cut is based on state regulations and the Town's own road polices. There's a lot to remember and as a board we appreciate input from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board and all of you.

As we've noted our Fall Mountain Regional School District continues to deal with budget and member town issues. We learned that the Acworth tax rate was miscalculated when the annual district budget was being considered prior to Town Meeting. This will affect the Local Education amount on property owners' fall tax bill. District administrators and the school board are working on cost saving measures. This is something we all want to stay aware of.

The schedule of Town boards' meetings is posted on the website and bulletin boards in the Town offices, post office and Village Store. You can read our minutes in this Newsletter ☺ and on our website.

Keep in touch, Kathi