

Town Administrator Report 02/05/24

- Peter and I had another meeting with all of the companies and agencies involved in the upcoming Alum treatment, 13 people involved all together. It was a highly technical meeting mostly between SOLitude and Amy from DEC, discussing allowed concentrations, testing water columns and a number of things well beyond my area of expertise. The outcome was that the tolerances that Amy is looking for are below what SOLitude has proposed so additional planning needs to take place to meet the DEC's criteria. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2/16 to finalize the process. If we want to meet the May treatment timeline, we will have to start notifying the public at the end of this month
- I attended a library grant application webinar through the Department of Libraries last week, which is aiming to fund capital projects in every county in the state. It was a very informative webinar that has roughly 19 million in awards to give out, with no match. The hitch for us is it is funded by remaining state ARPA funds and so the entire project would need to be completed and paid for by the end of 2026. It is a very competitive grant with a lengthy but easy to understand rubric score attached to it. I completed a score worksheet to see how our library project would shape up; we take a big hit on the total score due to not having project details available and so we come out to an approximate score of 1100 out of a total possible score of 1943. They did make mention of an additional grant opportunity coming out in the fall of this year that specifically targets rural areas, which we may have a better chance at. I have been asked to attend the library board meeting this Wednesday where I will go over this info with them to keep them in the loop.
- The kitchen flooring will be delivered on the 7th, it needs time to acclimate before the installation happens on the 19th. Valley Floors agreed to do the installation on the 19th because it is a holiday and it seemed most convenient for everyone involved. The stove will be disconnected and moved on 2/15 and reconnected on 2/22.
- I have a call out to Yankee Generator to see about a generator replacement cost for the emergency services building. There seems to be some grant monies out there for this exact project. Since EC Fiber will be tied into the same generator, it seemed appropriate to look into upgrading so we can avoid any breakdowns or mishaps.