

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As directed by the select board the town office worked on the following projects during 2019:

Fire Department Municipalization: As planned, this project was completed on March 20th with the swearing in of William Taylor as the town's first municipal fire chief. See RSA 154.

Meriden Library Replacement Options: Based on the information learned at the 2019 Town Meeting, the Meriden Library Building Committee has continued to work on options for replacement of the existing Meriden Library building. A second vote on the project is planned for the 2020 town meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: To maintain eligibility to receive federal funds a group appointed by the selectmen worked with consultant Jane Hubbard to once again update the town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The new plan was approved by FEMA in October 14 2019.

Route 12A Slide: The selectboard partnered with the town's Route 12A business community to convince the state that a repair to Route 12A near Beauty Hill could be completed without shutting down the roadway and diverting traffic over Old County Road

Solid Waste Group: The office has provided support for a newly formed committee working on reviewing the town's existing curbside collection based solid waste management plan.

Town Facility Management: Brad Atwater has continued to work on developing management plans for each of the town's buildings. The fire department project added two significant buildings to the town's inventory of facilities. An open question continues to be the timing of the replacement of the highway garage. The facility was built in 1983. Significant improvements have been made to it in the last five years. A study group has recommended that rather than remodeled the building should be replaced. The building has served the town well and can continue to serve the town well for some years to come, however it is not too early to begin to consider options for its replacement.

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