

Town Manager's Report

April 10, 2017

188 Wall Demolition

The building at this address was demolished on March 30th.

TIF Legislation Update

This legislation has passed from the Senate to the House. The House Ways and Means Committee is notoriously not supportive of tax incentives and a struggle is expected with that committee.

Police Sergeant Hired

Adam Belville has been hired as a sergeant in the Police Department he began on March 29th. He grew up in Springfield and graduated from SHS. He attended Castleton State College where he obtained a Bachelor Degree in Law Enforcement. He was employed for the Brattleboro Police Department for approximately 10 years with the last 2 1/2 years where he held the rank of sergeant. Adam is a welcome asset for the police department as well as the Springfield Community. We all welcome Adam and wish him much success as he further develops his career with the Springfield Police Department.

Occupational Health Facility to Open

The Springfield Health System will be opening an Occupational Health Facility during July 2017 in Charlestown, NH. I got the Town's Workman's Compensation Insurance provider and the Springfield Health System staff together so that the new facility's staff will be appropriately credentialed to enable Town employees to use the new facility. Historically, this type of facility has proven to get employees better care than provided by a typical physician. Which means they get back normal health sooner.

Main Street Landscape Changes

This summer there are some small landscape changes being planned for Main Street. The tree in the garden in front of Town Hall has overgrown its space and it will be removed. Plants that thrive in full sunlight will replace it.

The hedges in front of the Ellis and Lincoln blocks will be removed and replaced with shorter more colourful plants this will increase the visibility of the plaza from the street. This is a suggestion in GPI's streetscape plan and will be discussed by the steering committee.