

Coordinator report 7.27.26

****Highway Department / Road Safety****

On two occasions last week, Warwick Highway construction equipment was operating in the traveled way on Athol Road and Orange Road without flaggers present. This is a policy that had reportedly been addressed previously. Recommend the board seek proof that the flagger policy has been disseminated to crews and signed off on.

****Unpaved Roads Grant / Capital Planning****

The \$250,000 grant reported in the newspaper for unpaved roads is, per Todd Dexter, for purchase of a road grader. Congratulations to the department. Recommend that capital items like this get routed through capital planning going forward. Related: there's early talk of needing a new trash compactor, which should also go through that process.

****Meeting House Committee****

Casualty insurance on the meeting house came up at the last committee meeting; the committee will be looking into it.

The committee met with former building commissioner Brian Gale, which was helpful for understanding the building's condition and regulatory environment.

Two committee members met with Keith Ross. As a result, the committee is exploring a wildlife corridor and sale of development rights as possibly the highest-value use of that land to support the meeting house.

As part of Old Home Day on Saturday at 3:00 p.m., there will be a program at the meeting house featuring the newly tuned and repaired pipe organ. Stephon Meyer of Orange was retained to work on it; the tracker organ is squarely in his area of interest, and he did substantial work for very little pay.

****Facilities****

Once part-time plumbing and electrical trades employees return from vacation: the highway department water heater will be replaced, and an electrical subpanel and outlets will be installed at the pavilion. The pavilion work is funded by donations from the Warwick Arts Council for that purpose.

In the town hall dining room, Dan Dibble removed the 3-ft round ductwork (an "addition by subtraction"). The floor will be planked over. Still looking for cast iron round grates, which are rare and will be costly architectural elements.