



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

# Town of Carlisle

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Same faces, new places!

**Congratulations to Shane Rogge** for being promoted to DPW Mechanic! Shane has worked for the Town of Carlisle since 2004 as a laborer/driver/machine operator and has been a valuable member of the team. We look forward to working with him in his new role.



**Congratulations to Myriam Fleurimond** on moving to a new position as the COAHS Program Manager! Myriam has worked for the Town of Carlisle since 2016, most recently as the COAHS Transportation and Office Manager. The COAHS is excited to see the new programming ideas Myriam will bring in her new role.



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# August's annual flag-raising ceremony a success!

On August 13th, the India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB) held its annual flag-raising ceremony along with community members and the Select Board on the Carlisle Town Common to celebrate the 77th Independence Day of India. From IAGB: "For the past 60+ years, IAGB has been celebrating August 15, as India Day to commemorate India's Independence and celebrate Indian Americans' rich culture and traditions, with utmost vigor and grandeur. For more than 25 years, until 2017, we have celebrated India Day alongside Charles River at the Hatch Memorial Shell with a cheering crowd of over 12,000 people. From 2018 onwards, we have been doing the same in the heart of Boston – the City Hall Plaza, with an even larger crowd." (Photos courtesy of IAGB)



Two events on  
September 20

Carlisle Cultural Council INVITES YOU TO OUR

2023

GRANTEE RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

CARLISLE CENTER PARK

4:00 - 5:30

celebrate a great year of cultural programming  
enjoy food, music & the beauty of center park  
promote & hear about upcoming cultural events  
learn about the 2024 grant cycle  
free and open to the public  
rsvp by sept 15 to [culturalcouncil@carlislema.gov](mailto:culturalcouncil@carlislema.gov)  
rain date sept 21 @ 4:00

@carlisleculturalcouncil

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: PUBLIC FORUM  
ARTICLE 10: THE SPECIALIZED CODE

Are you concerned about the impact of Climate Change?

Article 10 on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant is a Citizens Petition to vote on adopting the Specialized Code to help MA reach its 2050 Carbon Emission Reduction Goals.

Come along and find out more about this proposal at the MA DOER Green Communities information and discussion. session.

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm

Clark Room, Town Hall, Carlisle.  
(Hosted by the Environmental Sustainability Committee).

EVERYONE WELCOME

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CARLISLE MA CLIMATE STRIPES



# From the Department of Public Works

*Jim Hall, DPW Director*

Hi again folks!

In case you missed it we had a storm this past Friday September 8th and yes, we had some damage! We will be cleaning up for a while. We will start with the main roads first then move to the secondary main roads and lastly developments and side roads. I ask you all to please have patience as we are working hard to get back to normal. In the meantime, we are accepting brush only! Please no large stumps or yard waste. This will take place from September 15th through October 15th and will resume again December 1st through April 30th and is located behind the transfer station. Thank you all for your patience and stay safe!!!



# Town of Carlisle Awarded \$93,740 in MVP Action Grant Funds to Build Climate Resilience

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*Press Release—Julie Mercier, Town Planner*

Carlisle, MA 9/11/23 — The Town of Carlisle is thrilled to announce it has received a \$93,740 municipal climate resilience grant for technical assistance to incorporate climate resilience best practices into local land use policies, bylaws, and regulations. Awarded by the Healey-Driscoll Administration's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, which is administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), these competitive grants support communities in identifying climate hazards, developing strategies to improve resilience, and implementing priority actions to adapt to climate change. The 'Climate Resilient Carlisle' project is one of 79 projects to have received action grant funding in the latest round of applications.

Julie Mercier, Town Planner, is hopeful that the process will bring volunteers together around a shared approach to climate adaptation and help establish a framework for other towns to follow in the future.

Building on the Town of Carlisle's climate resilience planning process completed in 2021, and on environmental sustainability recommendations in the 2022 Master Plan, these funds will allow Carlisle to review local regulations holistically through a climate resilience lens, and to make smart choices about land use practices going forward.

Community members interested in getting involved can join by emailing Julie Mercier, Town Planner at [jmercier@carlislema.gov](mailto:jmercier@carlislema.gov).

The MVP program, created in 2017, provides funding for community-driven climate resilience planning and action. Ninety-nine percent, or 349 out of 351 of the Commonwealth's cities and towns, are participating in the program and over \$131.5 million has been awarded for local climate resilience planning and projects. Communities originally enrolled in the program by completing the MVP Planning Grant process (MVP 1.0), which then opened up access to apply for an MVP Action Grant, or implementation funding. EEA has recently launched the MVP 2.0 update to the original MVP planning grant, and after this pilot round intends to require communities to undergo MVP 2.0 to maintain eligibility in applying for MVP Action Grants.



## MVP

Municipal Vulnerability  
Preparedness

# From Carlisle Recreation

*Holly Mansfield, Director of Recreation*

Join Carlisle Recreation and NewHouse Wildlife Rescue for this informative program:

## **Porcupines Don't Shoot Their Quills – Newhouse Wildlife Rescue**

Date: Thursday, September 28

Time: 6:30-8:00

Fee: Free (Donations to Newhouse Wildlife Rescue are Welcome)

Presenter: Martha Jane Seeker - Founder, Newhouse Wildlife Rescue

Location: Carlisle School Auditorium, Church Street

Come join Martha Jane Seeker, founder of Newhouse Wildlife Rescue, as she shares interesting facts about our local wildlife. Learn how you can help injured and orphaned wild animals in an emergency. Newhouse Wildlife Rescue is located in Chelmsford, MA. Each year, we help numerous sick, injured and orphaned wild animals heal and grow until they can be released back into the wild. Bigger, stronger and free! Please pre-register online.

## Facilities update: Brick Building Window Replacement!

Photos Courtesy of Stephen Bastek, Facilities Manager



# Paw-some News from the Carlisle Police Department!

Welcome to the newest member of the Carlisle Police Department! The Town of Carlisle Select Board granted approval for a community resource dog at a recent Board meeting.

The K9 will be used for outreach in the community, to offer support to those who would benefit from it, and trained for searching for lost or missing individuals.

We hope to swear in this new Officer when she arrives at the department (date and time to be determined).



However, how can we swear an Officer in without a name? Carlisle's newest Officer needs a name, and we rely on you, the Community, to help us. If you have a suggestion for this new pup's name, please email Deputy Andrew Booth at [abooth@carlislepolice.com](mailto:abooth@carlislepolice.com). Chief Amendola, Deputy Chief Booth, and K9 Handler Koukos will collect and vote on the name on Monday 9/18. Thank you for all of your help!

# Fall Town Meeting on October 16th

*Ryan McLane, Town Administrator*

Fall Town Meeting is a month away and the Select Board plans to present important information to residents about the state of the Master Plan and renovations efforts at the town's police and fire stations. These presentations aim to connect residents with the larger picture and plans that require significant input from the community.

The Town Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023, at 7pm at the Carlisle Public School auditorium. We will post all relevant Fall Town Meeting information at this website: <http://www.carlislema.gov/259/Upcoming-Town-Meeting>

The Select Board heard presentations and debated the merits of ten pending warrant articles at their open meeting on September 12. To see those discussions, visit the town's YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwJiQYrfa7zAvD3O9jOm-ew>

Here is a list of the article to be considered in October.

- 1.) Remove the Building Committee from the town's bylaws.
- 2.) Remove the Long-term Capital Requirements Committee from the town's bylaws.
- 3.) Establish an opioid settlement fund stabilization account
- 4.) Dedicate existing opioid settlement revenue to the new stabilization account
- 5.) Adopt the state law allowing the town to direct revenue to a stabilization account
- 6.) Dedicate future opioid settlement fund revenues to the new stabilization account
- 7.) CPA Article – Fund repairs and restoration work for the Central Burying Grounds
- 8.) CPA Article – Fund renovations for the Gleason Public Library
- 9.) Moving the Town Clerk position from an elected position to an appointed position
- 10.) Citizen's Petition – Adopt the Specialized Building Code

If you would like to send written questions or comments to the Board or if you would like to request additional information, please email Ryan McLane at [rmclane@carlislema.gov](mailto:rmclane@carlislema.gov).

# Help shape the future of Carlisle!

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC), which oversees Carlisle's CPA Funds, is seeking a Citizen-at-large member to fill a three-year term.

## What is the CPA?

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a state law that was enacted in 2000 that allows communities to raise and set aside funds for community preservation projects. Carlisle adopted the CPA in 2001 and approved a 2% property tax surcharge which is matched annually at a variable rate by the state.

## What are the CPC's responsibilities?

- Studying the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town, specifically with respect to the CPA-eligible categories which include recreation, open space, historic preservation, and community housing.
- Developing an annual Community Preservation Plan.
- Accepting and vetting project applications from the community requesting CPA funding.
- Making recommendations to Town Meetings to appropriate CPA Funds for projects that meet CPA criteria and support the objectives of the town and the CPC.
- Meeting once or sometimes twice a month during the CPC application cycle which typically runs from November through June.

## CPA funded projects

Recent projects that received CPA funding include construction of the new Carlisle Castle Playground (\$325,000), rental and mortgage assistance offered by the Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust (\$25,000), creation of a dog park on the Banta-Davis property (\$30,000), and most recently the restoration of Dam #1 at the Cranberry Bog (\$300,000).

## To learn more

Contact CPC Chair Drew McMorrow at [dmcorrow@ballentinepartners.com](mailto:dmcorrow@ballentinepartners.com) or visit the town website at [www.carlislema.gov/187/Community-Preservation-Committee](http://www.carlislema.gov/187/Community-Preservation-Committee) for more information.



Carlisle Castle Playground

# From the Gleason Public Library

Martha Feeney-Patten, Library Director

## No library card? No problem! Sign up online for an electronic library card!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and signing up for a library card has never been easier. Carlisle residents who do not yet have a library card can now register online for an eCard that provides immediate access to more than 65,000 eBooks, digital audiobooks, and online magazines through the Libby app, as well as numerous local and statewide electronic collections for entertainment, study, and research. To get an MVLC eCard today, visit <https://ln.mvlc.org/carlislecard>.

**DON'T HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?**

With an eCard, your library is open 24/7!

To apply for an eCard, visit <https://ln.mvlc.org/ecard>



RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS WHO DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A LIBRARY CARD WITHIN MVLC ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN eCARD

MV LC Merrimack Valley Library Consortium

*Art at the Gleason presents*

## MINDSCAPES

September 23, 2023 - January 6, 2024



Paintings by Katherine Downey Miller

Sculptures by Anna Kristina Goransson

Opening Reception with Refreshments and Live Music  
September 29 7 pm - 9 pm \$10 fee

## Art at the Gleason: Mindscapes

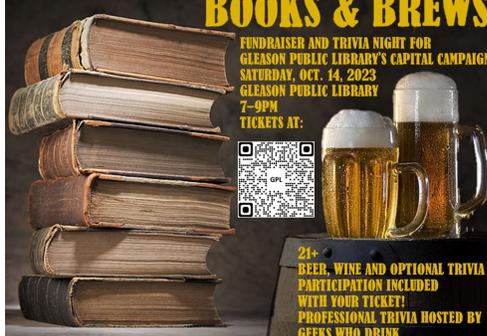
Mindscapes: Paintings by Katherine Downey Miller and Sculptures by Anna Kristina Goransson will be on display at the Gleason from September 23, 2023 to January 6, 2024. Join Art at the Gleason for an evening reception on Friday, September 29th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the library, featuring artists Katherine Miller and Anna Kristina Goransson. Wine, refreshments, and live music. RSVP at [gleasonlibrary.org/events](https://gleasonlibrary.org/events).

## Books and Brews, October 14th

Join the Gleason Endowment for a fun fundraiser on Saturday, October 14th, at 7 p.m. For \$75/person, enjoy beer from nearby breweries, food from local restaurants, a jazz combo, and because knowing things is fun, the evening features a professionally hosted trivia event, complete with questions on local history and Carlisle esoterica. And you can check out books!

**BOOKS & BREWS**

FUNDRAISER AND TRIVIA NIGHT FOR GLEASON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023  
GLEASON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
7-9PM  
TICKETS AT:



21+ BEER, WINE AND OPTIONAL TRIVIA PARTICIPATION INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET! PROFESSIONAL TRIVIA HOSTED BY GEEKS WHO DRINK

## Youth and Family Programs

We also have a great slate of programs for all ages coming up this fall, including story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, book clubs for grades 1 through 6, and a number of special events - visit [gleasonlibrary.org/events](https://gleasonlibrary.org/events) for the full calendar, and thank you to the Friends of the Gleason Public Library for supporting our amazing programs!

The Gleason is more than a place to take your child for story time or a study hall for middle schoolers—it's also a place to kick back with other adults. So let's put the "fun" back in "fundraiser," while also raising money for a much-needed library renovation! Come join us! RSVP at [gleasonlibrary.org/events](https://gleasonlibrary.org/events)

# CONGRATULATIONS

**to our Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners**

Air Hockey Game--Zachary M.

Ginormous Monster Sprinkler--Lauren W.

Kimball's Ice Cream Passes--Wally C.

Glow in the Dark Tent--Nina M.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for  
all the summer reading fun!



These prizes are made possible by our wonderful  
Friends of the Gleason Public Library and Kimball Farm



# Healthy Carlisle

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Tricia McGean, Carlisle Public Health Nurse

Across the globe, extreme weather is becoming the new normal. From season to season and year to year, weather events that were once rare occurrences are now increasingly commonplace. In years past, tornados were considered rare occurrences in MA. Increases in air instability mean a higher likelihood of severe weather. We've been stuck in a pattern of warm, humid days this summer, which contributes to periods of heavy rain. When that next cold front comes through, the instability in the air leads to possible tornado formation. Southern New England has seen increases in tornado warnings this year compared to the last 10 years. NWS Boston has released 13 tornado warnings so far this year!

As of today, Sept. 12, 2023 all eyes on are on Hurricane Lee which is barreling up the Atlantic coast. By the time this newsletter goes to print, it will be but a memory but I'm sure will contribute to a lot of delayed travel and postponed outdoor gatherings. While we wait for the next "M" named hurricane, here are some tips to get ready so you are not caught without those D batteries in your flashlights next time around.

**Get weather updates:** Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for severe weather. Listen to local news or a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) to stay informed about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings. Check the [Weather-Ready Nation](#) for tips.

✦ **Turn on your phone notifications:** Know how your community sends warning. Some communities have outdoor sirens. Others depend on media and smart phones to alert residents to severe storms. Do no silence your phone at night. It could save your life.

**Develop a Communications Plan:** Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. Pick a safe room in your home such as a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Get more ideas for a plan at: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

✦ **Practice Your Plan:** Conduct a family severe thunderstorm drill regularly so everyone knows what to do if a damaging wind or large hail is approaching. Make sure all members of your family know to go there when severe thunderstorm warnings are issued. Don't forget pets if time allows.

✦ **Prepare Your Home:** Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.

**Help Your Neighbor:** Encourage your loved ones to prepare for severe thunderstorms. Take CPR or First Aid training so you can help if someone is hurt during severe weather. Nearby in person and online classes can be found on the Red Cross website: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

Click on the following link from the US Dept for Homeland Security for a list of suggested items to pack TODAY for a possible weather event TOMORROW.

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

Don't forget to prepare for your beloved domestic and farm animals as well.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/keeping-pets-and-people-healthy/emergencies/pet-disaster-prep-kit.html>

Stay safe out there, Carlisle!

Tricia McGean, BSN RN

# Rodenticide's Unintended Impact

Sara Dunleavy, Environmental Sustainability Committee

Some of us, at some time in our life, have dealt with mice problems. We may have put out traps. If the problem was bad enough, we may have called a company that specialized in extermination. Few of us likely knew that the choice of pesticide used could make a huge difference far beyond our backyard.

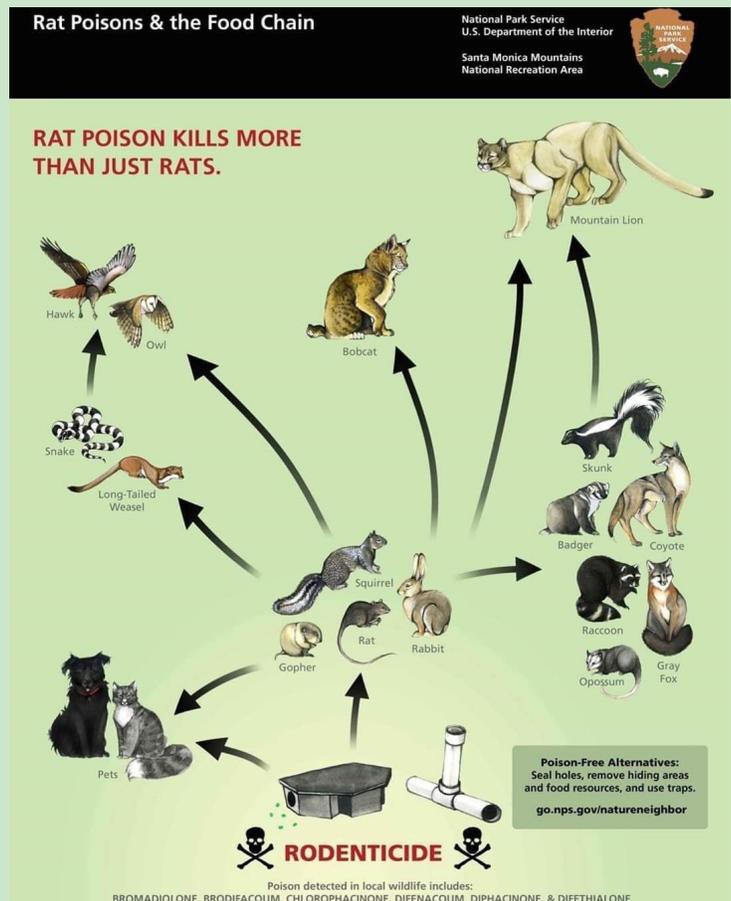
Rodenticide is the technical term for rat poison. In the 1970s, chemical companies created Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide, "SGAR". The blood of the rodent that ingests it is not able to clot. The result is internal hemorrhaging. It has been the go-to chemical for pesticide companies who wanted to ensure their clients had quick results. By 2000, the risks of SGARs to non-target mammals and birds were being recognized. In 2008 the EPA prohibited the sale of these rodenticides directly to the consumer. But licensed pesticide companies are still allowed to recommend and use these products.

By design these chemicals remain in the body of the target rodent for a long time. That rodent, then sickly and thirsty, is unable to hide from its predators. Birds of prey and other non-target species that mainly feed on small rodents find their next meal easily. The chemicals stay lodged in the tissue of these animals as well, accumulating over time. The rat poison and food chain cycle pictured here begins. The natural predators of rodents are very familiar to us in Carlisle. Owls, foxes, skunks, opossum, raccoons, coyotes. And yes, potentially our pets.

Back in March, you may have heard of the death of bald eagle MK in Arlington. SGARs were the cause. Ask your closest wildlife rescue how many local wild animals die from the unintended consumption of SGARs each year. One of the best rodent control devices, the owl, is a frequent victim.

What is the take-away here?

- There are many bills now in the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources related to rodenticide. Please contact your state legislators and ask them to support these bills.
- If you have a rodent issue and engage with an exterminator, please demand to hear your alternatives and choose a natural solution. That choice is immensely safer for all.
- When dealing with any pesticide yourself, do your homework. Natural is better for many reasons too broad to address here.
- If you are interested in learning more about rodent control, check out the Raptors are the Solution (RATS) web page [here](#).



# Difficult to recycle items

*Christine Lear, Transfer Station Action Committee*

There are a number of items in our solid waste stream which are difficult for a municipal Transfer Station to handle. Such items are not accepted by local material processing facilities and/or are very expensive to recycle. Currently the list of such items includes:

- Plastic bags/films
- Styrofoam peanuts/bubble wrap
- Mixed material cartons such as milk and juice cartons
- Motor oil
- eWaste

Fortunately many retailers which sell such items accept them for recycling at no cost (and in some instances will provide a cash credit).

**Plastic bags/films** - accepted by many grocery stores (for example Market Basket, Donelan’s and Whole Foods). Many shoppers bring their own bags to the grocery store so it is a simple matter to bring one filled with all of the plastic bags you have separated from your trash.

**Styrofoam peanuts/bubble wrap** - UPS accepts foam peanuts and bubble wrap for reuse in packaging. There are local UPS stores in most surrounding communities. They also accept clean cardboard boxes for reuse.

**Mixed material cartons such as milk and juice cartons** - Recently Whole Foods in Westford started accepting mixed material cartons (milk, juice, etc).

**Motor oil** - Most automotive retailers accept used motor oil for recycling.

**eWaste** - Many electronic retailers accept a variety of eWaste products and optimally recycle them. Locally Staples in Acton accepts almost all eWaste (printers, computers, etc) and in return provides the customer with a \$5-\$10 gift card.

For these items, residents who are willing to contribute a few minutes each week can see that these items are optimally recycled and removed from the waste stream. This is an opportunity for every resident of Carlisle to contribute a small amount of time and effort to assure these items are diverted from the solid waste stream and optimally recycled.

The Transfer Station Action Committee would like to bring this opportunity for meaningful contribution to the entire Carlisle community. This is something you can do that will make a difference.

Carlisle Council on Aging and Human Services – Board of  
Health

SENIOR FLU VACCINE CLINIC



Flu Vaccine: high dose for 65+ year

**FRIDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Clark Room, Town Hall**

**Bring your medical insurance card.**

**To register contact the Carlisle Council on Aging and Human  
Services at:**

[coahs@carlislema.gov](mailto:coahs@carlislema.gov)

or 978-371-2895

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# Carlisle Housing Production Plan

The Carlisle Housing Production Plan (HPP) has been adopted by both the Planning Board and the Select Board, and was approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) on August 29th. The HPP has a five-year term and will expire on August 1, 2028. Read the state approval letter [here](#). Read the HPP at <https://www.carlislema.gov/1008/Housing-Production-Plan>

The Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) is looking for new members!. Please email [caht@carlislema.gov](mailto:caht@carlislema.gov) if interested.



**Town of Carlisle**  
66 Westford Street

**JULIE D. MERCIER**  
Town Planner  
Phone: (978) 759-7636

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**To:** All Boards, Committees, Commissions, etc.  
**From:** Julie Mercier, Town Planner  
**CC:** All Staff  
**Date:** September 14, 2023  
**Re:** Master Plan, GIS Project, MVP Grant – YOUR ACTION NEEDED

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The intent of this memo is to make 3 big “asks” of staff and the volunteer community pursuant to bigger picture planning efforts that are ongoing or about to start.

### **Master Plan Implementation – Selection of Recommendations**

First, thank you to all the volunteers who provided input into the Master Plan implementation spreadsheet that was sent around earlier this year.

As noted in Chapter 8 of the Master Plan, implementation is expected to take several years, with the Town’s primary elected leaders (Select Board and Planning Board) using the Plan as a basis for strategic planning to ensure it lives on, evolves, and accommodates changes over time. The Plan suggests that implementation start with annual goal setting by the SB and PB, and that the work of staff, advisory committees, and other volunteer entities support and/or be coordinated with the goals established by the elected leaders. The Plan is mindful that staff and volunteer time is limited and suggests that volunteers focus on just 1 or 2 recommendations per year.

Select Board Master Plan Recommendations for FY24: The Select Board has several goals for FY24, many of which derive from the Master Plan. [Here is a link to full list of the Select Board’s FY24 goals.](#)

#### Planning Board Master Plan Recommendations for FY24:

GIS Project (Rec 4b)

Criteria for Evaluating Land (Rec 4d)

Consider Additional or Alternative OSRD or CC Bylaw (Rec 19a)

Optimize multi-purpose use of existing Town spaces as part of a comprehensive long-term facilities plan and capital planning process (Recs 3d, 7a, 8a)

**My Ask:** Please review the Master Plan recommendations selected by the Select Board and Planning Board, and the ones for which you are identified as the lead or a contributor and let me know what you would like to focus on for FY24. I’m preparing to provide an update to fall Town Meeting (October 16, 2023).

I am seeking this information by Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**My Offer:** A lot of work is already happening towards implementation, and there is a lot of overlap across different departments and volunteer entities. If needed, I am here to help you identify work that you are currently doing or recommendations that you might consider taking on that will support or contribute to the work of the Select Board and Planning Board.

Let me know if you want my assistance: [jmercier@carlislema.gov](mailto:jmercier@carlislema.gov)

## **GIS Project – Questionnaire**

Consultant Adam Kurowski has been working diligently on Phase 1 of the GIS Project, which includes development of a 3-year Strategic Plan for GIS in Carlisle. The Strategic Plan will be a roadmap for developing Carlisle's GIS infrastructure that will highlight necessary steps, data, tools, and a timeline, and help the Town prepare and plan for ongoing costs and manage hopes and expectations for the project. An essential component of creating this Strategic Plan is gathering feedback from stakeholders. In coordination with staff, Adam has put together the following Questionnaire: <https://arcg.is/1GX01m>

**My Ask:** Please respond to the Questionnaire to the best of your ability, and share it with residents, community members, volunteers, anyone who you think would want to have input into this project.

Please respond to the Questionnaire by Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**My Offer:** If you have any questions or want to provide additional specific feedback on the GIS Project, I have set up a special email address for exactly this purpose! [gisfeedback@carlislema.gov](mailto:gisfeedback@carlislema.gov)

## **MVP Grant – Climate Resilience “Wish List”**

The Town has been awarded the MVP Action Grant “Climate Resilient Carlisle” for \$93,740 to hire a consultant to help incorporate climate resilience best practices into our local land use policies, bylaws, and regulations. It is anticipated that work with the consultant will begin in December. In the meantime, I will be compiling a “wish list” of climate provisions/adaptation measures/policy interests/regulatory updates from volunteer entities and staff, and pulling all applicable policies, bylaws, and regulations into one place.

**My Ask:** Please coordinate with your volunteer entity and send me a comprehensive climate resilience “wish list” as described above. In addition, if you have policies, bylaws, and regulations that you believe should be reviewed or modified as part of this grant process, please send them to me (in case I don't have the latest version).

I am seeking this information by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**My Offer:** This process is meant to be inclusive, and all ideas are welcome! If you need more information, or if you have an idea and are not sure whether it fits within the scope of this grant, please reach out to me:

[jmercier@carlislema.gov](mailto:jmercier@carlislema.gov)

Thank you!

Julie