

Council Member Francis:

1. Maple Avenue Street Light Project Assessment

Following the significant investment in rebuilding and testing the Maple Avenue stoplight traffic system, we need to verify that the synchronization improvements are delivering the intended benefits. I recommend commissioning a 6-month analysis with a publicly available report to demonstrate measurable improvements to residents and validate the project's success.

2. Cell Tower Installation at Northside Property Yard

I propose we engage a consultant to advise the Council on moving forward with a cell tower at the Northside Property Yard. This centrally located infrastructure would be built and maintained by a specialized company, generating revenue for the Town while enhancing public safety communications and improving cellular service for residents and businesses—a clear win across the board.

3. Water/Sewer System Capital Planning - Capital Budget

This year's capital budget process should prioritize developing a comprehensive system replacement plan to address this critical need proactively. Much of our water and sewer infrastructure is over 65 years old. With modern homes now featuring 5-6 bathrooms compared to the 2-3 bathrooms of the past, system stress and deterioration will only accelerate.

4. Enhanced Resident Communication

Update our communication strategies by leveraging AI technology to support our PIO staff. This would streamline workflow and help the office maintain consistent, clear engagement with residents across all platforms. Our community is very engaged through content produced by the PIO, and the Council needs to acknowledge and focus on making efficiency investments here.