

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific services to the Town of Colrain in 2016 included the following.

Administration and Special Projects

- Colrain participated in the regional sign-making program, sharing equipment with ten other towns in Franklin County.
- Staff worked with the Town Administrator to develop a long-range capital plan as part of the Baker-Polito Community Compact Program. By formally accepting the plan, the Town has earned points toward future state grant opportunities.

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Colrain contracted with the FRCOG to receive cooperative bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY17 is \$463,227.
- Colrain participates in the #2 Fuel and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Colrain participates in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.

Cooperative Public Health Service Health District

Colrain is not a member of the CPHS health district, but receives some benefits through the staff's regional work at the Shelburne Falls Senior Center.

Partnership for Youth

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 137 Mohawk students, representing 63% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.

Planning and Development Department

- Staff developed and implemented a tri-town community food assessment survey, working with the Colrain Agricultural Commission in collaboration with the Towns of Heath and Charlemont.
- Staff prepared a Draft Business Plan and Legislation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project for 11 West County towns including Colrain, with specific recommendations and projects to support Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation & Municipal Financial Sustainability.
- Staff continued to work the Town and MassDOT to advance the Village Center Complete Streets project through the regional Transportation Improvement Program.
- Staff conducted traffic counts as requested on Adamsville Road, South Green River Road, Greenfield Road, and Route 112.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the *Mohawk Emergency Dispensing Site Plan*.
- One EMT attended Regional Emergency Planning Committee meetings.
- Colrain entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FRCOG to recognize the Multi-Agency Coordination Center as the official organization to assist them with emergency management needs.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Colrain public officials, staff, and residents attended and the number in attendance.

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Public Records Law — 1

Municipal Farmland Leasing and Protection — 1

Partnership for Youth

Advanced LifeSkills — 1 representative of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Planning, Conservation, and Development

Historic House Care — 2

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council

Active Shooter Symposium — 3

Cooperative Public Health Service

ServSafe/Choke Saver/Allergen Training Series — 1

Regional Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness for People with Access and Functional Needs — 1

Sudden Unaffiliated Volunteers — 1

Intro to Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities — 1