SUFFIELD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT – 3/6/2026

PENDING PROJECTS

1100 & 1140 South Street – The Economic Development Commission has agreed to fund wetlands delineation for both parcels. The work will be scheduled once snow conditions allow better site access, helping to improve marketability to potential buyers.

42 Ffyler Place Redevelopment – Selective Development, LLC met with the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) for an informal discussion regarding a proposal to construct 250 apartment and townhouse rental units on the 24-acre former lumberyard site. Zoning Regulation text amendments will be required before any land use permits can be issued.

Copperhill, Griffin, and Lake Roads – The property owner has proposed a 24-lot single-family subdivision utilizing existing road frontage; no new roads are proposed. Conservation Commission approval was granted on February 24. The PZC public hearing is scheduled for March 16.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION/RECENTLY COMPLETED

1 Firestone Drive – Kongsberg Automotive is planning major renovations to its office space, breakroom, and factory bathrooms, with an estimated construction value of approximately $300,000. The building permit application is currently under review by the Fire Marshal and Building Official.

Emily Way – Old Orchard Apartments & Condominiums – The PZC approved a site plan modification in July for this 82-unit multifamily development. At least 17 units will be affordable at 80% AMI. Foundations for seven condominium buildings (35 units total) are poured and construction is underway as weather permits.

2715 Mountain Road – Construction is underway on a 0.9 MW solar array adjacent to the town landfill/transfer station. The project includes approximately 2,500 ground-mounted panels on 5.8 acres. The town previously executed a 20-year lease, with three five-year extension options.

63 Mountain Road – Construction is complete on the front addition to the Suffield Hardware store. The project received partial funding through the TIF grant program.

178 Mountain Road – Renovations to the kitchen and flooring store have been completed, and TIF reimbursement has been issued. Improvements included new siding, windows, and interior flooring.

OTHER BUSINESS/PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Restaurant Promotion – "Taste of Suffield" launched in February and has received strong participation. The promotion encourages residents to support local restaurants through an incentive-based drawing: patrons who upload two receipts from Suffield restaurants are entered to win one of three $200 gift cards.

Chamber of Commerce Home Show – The North Central Chamber of Commerce has relocated its annual Home Show to Suffield High School, which will host the event in mid-April.

Sunrise Park Entrance Redesign – A conceptual redesign of the park entry has been completed and was approved by the Conservation Commission on February 24. The project continues to move forward.

Promotional Brochure – "Discover Suffield," a fold-out promotional map highlighting restaurants, retail, and local destinations, is in development. A final draft is expected within the next few months.

Kiosk – An electronic touchscreen kiosk has been delivered for installation at Kent Memorial Library. Staff orientation has been completed, and installation is anticipated this spring.