

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 3, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- Town Meeting election went well. A total of 200 votes were cast, 40 of which were absentee and 160 in-person.
- Representative Ducharme has contacted us regarding a bill he is sponsoring, LD 584
 "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and
 Outdated Municipal Mandates." We will be reviewing items in-house to provide him and
 his committee on any ideas that we may have.

AIRPORT

• The Airport Advisory has submitted a request for us to consider upgrading the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) system. This provides real time information on the weather and is operated in partnership with LifeFlight. This is a major safety asset for pilots and the advisory committee is fully supportive of the investment. The approximate cost is \$4,000. I intend to authorize the upgrade, given the \$43,000 in grant funding from the CARES Act that the airport has received to offset operational costs.

ANIMAL CONTROL

• \$25.00 per dog late fee has been suspended under executive order. We encourage dog owners to license their vaccinated dogs as soon as possible. As of today, the extension has been granted through June 3.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

• The Planning Board met last Thursday and completed findings/conclusions related to the Waste Management applications. The Board voted 4-1 in favor of granting the permit. Four conditions were set: 1) if there are any changes more than *de minimus*, Waste Management must come back before the Planning Board; 2) If a higher permitting agency makes substantive changes to the submitted proposal, the applicant must return to the Planning Board for amendment approval; 3) an annual written report and meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding operations and complaints; 4) a substantive start to construction must be complete within one year of the approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• The Maine Department of Marine Resources' public hearing on proposed amendments to the Kennebec River Management Plan has been rescheduled for March 15, at 3:00 p.m.

LIBRARY

• We have received several inquiries about inside access to the library; I have asked the Board of Trustees to review a re-opening plan and consider revising operational guidelines.

PUBLIC SAFETY

• Firefighters are expected to receive their second vaccination on March 6.

PUBLIC WORKS

• We have submitted our estimated salt tonnage to the State so that we can be considered for their bid process. We will also be participating in the KVCOG joint purchasing program. Both programs do not have an upfront lock-in.

RECREATION

• The committee will have a meeting to review a variety of topics including the ballfield drainage project/timing, baseball/softball season, and fees.

SEWER

• Bid packages for our stretch projects have been finalized and issued. The price quotes are due to Olver before March 18 at 2:00 p.m. They will then review the proposals and send to us with a recommendation.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28	1 TOWN MEETING Office Closed	2	3 6PM Selectmen	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 5PM Recreation Comm Mtg	11 6PM Planning Board Mtg	12	13
14	15 3PM DMR River Plan Public Hrg	16	17 6PM Selectmen	18	19	20