



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 17, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- We have received preliminary estimates from MMA regarding funding that the Town stands to receive as a result of the recent stimulus package: \$321,227. Once these funds arrive, we will be in a position to plan for allocating revenues. The funds will arrive in two waves: the first no later than June 2021 and the second wave is one year later. Initially, my recommendation will include taking a portion of these funds (\$25,000 +/-) to allocate to the Emergency Management Reserve. This would leave approximately \$300,000 that could be used for other purposes.
- We're in the process of confirming committee membership and each member's desire to be reappointed. Any vacancies will be advertised as soon as possible. As of today, there are vacancies on the Budget (1), Cemetery (2), and Parks Committees (2).
- Annual Disclosures are due back in April; drafts have been provided to each Selectman for review.

AIRPORT

- We are continuing to work with LifeFlight to upgrade the AWOS system. There is also a group of airports that are lobbying to get funding to upgrade all of the technology; this is still at least two years out. The steps we would be taking now to upgrade to a frequency that doesn't interfere with anything else is still a pre-requisite to any technology upgrades.
- Mulching is still underway and making slow progress. We've had concerns with mud being tracked onto the runways, which has since been addressed. The contractual date for completion is June 1.

ANIMAL CONTROL

- The revised dog ordinance has been enacted, but as committed to at Town Meeting, we are taking a phased approach to implementation. Dog owners/handlers will have a reasonable amount of time to come into compliance. This is also important, as we understand the courts still have a substantial backlog.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- The Planning Board met last Thursday and reviewed a proposed solar application for Winding Hill Road/Upper Main Street. The application received conditional approval, but a window for abutter and public comment remains open until March 31.

- We're continuing to monitor and document junkyard violations. We have continued to receive numerous complaints about the corner of Airport Road, in addition to Willow Street. We are documenting concerns, continuing to send notices of violation, and building the files in the event court action is necessary.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Maine Department of Marine Resources' public hearing was held on Monday. There was a lot of discussion, both for and against the proposed amendments, but nothing has been set. We will continue to monitor any changes in the proposal.

LIBRARY

- The Trustees voted 4-1 in favor of reopening the library. The library reopened on Tuesday and will remain open, unless public health conditions dictate otherwise. There was also another issue with the sewer line freezing up (which we thought was addressed).

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Unit 24 is back from F3 Manufacturing with the new body. The truck is scheduled to be back in service this week. The forestry pump unit is supposed to arrive before April 1, which should be in ample time for brush fire season.
- We have received a letter from our Congressional Delegation (Collins, King, and Golden) in support of the FEMA grant to upgrade the SCBA tanks and system. A special thanks to Todd Pineo for facilitating this grant application and seeking the external letters of support.
- Todd Pineo was able to get representatives from Dirigo Engineering to review the condition of the fascia on the fire station. They have committed to reviewing the condition and work with us to resolve the issue. The fascia is failing in other areas around the building and will all need to be replaced.

PUBLIC WORKS

- We are seeking pricing proposals for summer road work, with a target date to present to the Board of April 7. Prices are being accepted for overlay of Martin Stream and Frederick Corner Roads, sidewalk shim and overlay, and crack sealing of Beech Hill, Wilder Hill, and Ward Hill Roads.

RECREATION

- The Rec Committee met last week to discuss potential options for the upcoming baseball/softball season. The decision was to remain with the status quo for this season and use the next year to review other options.

- The Rec Committee voted to recommend bidding out the ballfield drainage project with no major restrictions to the construction timeline. I have contacted the engineer to have the bid specs updated for timing. We received the task order for bidding services, which was \$2,500. I have countered with the poor construction estimate last year, as well as not needing to revise the specs, with the exception of bid dates.
- Signups for baseball/softball/teeball began today; they can be done online or hardcopy at the Town Office.

SEWER

- Bid packages for our stretch projects have been finalized and issued. The original due date was March 18, but that has been extended one week in order to allow contractors additional time to respond.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
14	15 3PM DMR River Plan Public Hrg	16	17 6PM Selectmen	18	19	20
21	22	23 4PM TIF Mtg	24	25 Sewer Proposals Due	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3