



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **MAY 5, 2021**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- The rebates have been received for the heat pumps. A total of \$11,200 was received from Efficiency Maine and \$7,000 from Nature Conservancy.
- The Town Office will be closing next Friday at 12:00 noon in order to complete annual safety training.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING**

- The Code Office will be open next Wednesday in the afternoon instead of morning, as a result of training scheduled.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- I've had a call with Verizon to discuss the potential for remotely located solar, cellular cameras. They are working on getting a cost estimate together based upon our needs and we can consider implementation later on.
- The TIF Committee met last week and didn't make any additional progress on developing a plan for the Town Square; this will again be considered once more information is available. They also met to review a façade application for 65 Main Street, but tabled any action until May 25.

#### **PARKS**

- The first meeting for Oosoola Days planning will be in the next two weeks. Ideally, the event will return to near-normal and we can host two days of activities—one at the airport and another downtown.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- I sent written and electronic communication to Blane Casey Construction on April 26 requesting a meeting on-site at the fire station. We have not received any response as of today.
- As of today, the intention is to review the Fire budget at the next meeting to gauge year-to-date progress and compare to previous year.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- I have filed notice with CAT regarding an issue with the backhoe bucket, which seems to be a design flaw. They are working on a fix and I have requested a loaner machine in the interim.

- We were able to secure salt pricing for next season at \$52.50 per ton with New England Salt. We have worked with them for the last three seasons and it has been a good working relationship. This was done piggybacking on a joint purchase requisition. This is an increase of \$0.50 over previous year.
- We had a meeting with New Balance last week to discuss the location of the speed hump and signage. This install should take place next week.
- Maine DOT has been back out to review the traffic lights at Routes 2 and 201-A. The project, which was originally to take place last year has now been pushed to at least 2023 and will be a part of a larger grant project that will include the upgrade of 104 intersections. We discussed the importance of this project being complete in advance of any potential bike/pedestrian project the Town may partner with the State on in the next few years.
- Cracksealing is tentatively scheduled for the end of May, shortly after which we will have Ward Hill Road re-striped.
- Pike Industries is tentatively scheduled to begin overlay and shoulder work next week.
- Fine Line Paving has set aside June 15-17 and 22-24 for the sidewalk project.
- Engineers have been on-site for both the Father Rasle and Sandy River erosion issues. Each is working on drafting a scope of work for review prior to full engagement.
- Our contact with Senators Collins and King seeking funding to support road projects along the river were received, but in order to be considered for any earmark projects, those needed to be submitted to Representative Golden's office. I submitted that information on April 22 and have not heard anything back since.

## **RECREATION**

- We did not receive any bids for ballfield drainage with the initial offering, so we have extended the bid window an additional two weeks and have reached out directly to additional contractors.
- We are working with the school to coordinate a disclosure waiver regarding students who are required to quarantine. This would limit a child's involvement in the program should they be required to quarantine at school.

## **SEWER**

- We met with Olver Associates to review the project punch list, stretch projects, and close-out. We will be working to re-bid the garage project only. The balance of available funds is approximately \$162,000.
- We were approached by Anson-Madison Sanitary District, on behalf of DEP, to consider storing cow manure in the digesters as the State manages concerns with PFAS/PFOS. It is a revenue opportunity for the Sewer Department, but were strongly advised against it by our consulting partners, as it could threaten the warranty period following the upgrade.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 6PM Selectmen	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 6PM Planning Board Mtg	14 Town Office Closing at noon	15
16	17 Airport Genertr Proposals Due Ballfield Draing Proposals Due	18	19 6PM Selectmen	20	21	22