



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **JUNE 2, 2021**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- We received notice from Somerset County Probate Court that the library and fire department are devisees listed in the will of Alice Emery. As more information becomes available, I will communicate it to the Board and relevant officials.
- I attended a Maine Municipal-sponsored session on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which will help guide us towards authorized expenses, fund processing, reporting, etc.
- The school budget referendum is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 8, from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Office. The office will remain open for normal hours.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- The ConnectME broadband grant for Beech Hill and Martin Stream that was submitted with Charter/Spectrum was not successful. Our application scored 90 points; the lowest score awarded was 91. We are working to refine our application, seek additional funding from the provider, and will resubmit in July.

#### **FINANCE & COLLECTIONS**

- Revenue Sharing received in the amount of \$26,656.23. This is a slight increase over this period last year. Year to date, we have received \$101,536.34 versus \$76,663.75 at this time last year.
- Courtesy notices for unpaid 2020 real estate taxes were mailed last week. As of today, there were still nearly 190 accounts that were unpaid. Unpaid 2020 amounts will go to lien status on July 1.
- Sewer liens for unpaid April/May/June 2020 are slated for June 17. There are still 22 remaining accounts with balances due.

#### **FIRE**

- I've been in email communication with Blane Casey, who we hoped would have cost estimates on fire station facia repair for the last meeting. We still have not received these estimates, but he said he expects to have it before the end of this week.

#### **LIBRARY**

- The Summer Reading Program begins June 26. The kickoff event will be held at the library with local author Patty Farrin reading her books, *Mocha Overboard* and *The Teacup Café*. The program is primarily focused on young readers, but will also have a segment for older readers.

## PUBLIC WORKS

- The Senate has introduced Congressionally Directed Spending, which is similar to earmarks. I have submitted an application for consideration of a proposed Norridgewock River & Highway Preservation Project, which would support major roadway reconstruction on Sandy River Road, Winding Hill Road, and Father Rasle Road. Each of these projects would improve river health. The grant request is sizeable and there isn't a firm timeline for notice. Applications closed today.

## RECREATION

- I've spoken with the Central Office and they have agreed to re-stripe the basketball court at Mill Stream as a part of their summer parking lot striping.
- The snack shack was broken into over the weekend. A police report was filed and charges have been filed. The investigation remains ongoing.

## SEWER

- After reissuing the bid package for the construction of a garage, we received two bids, the lowest of which was \$312,500. In cooperation with USDA, we have deferred this project until next year when the sector climate may be more favorable.
- The Sewer Commission will meet tomorrow do consider proposals for hauling sludge for disposal. Initial review indicates that there would be cost-savings in hiring a third-party to truck the sludge to Anson-Madison.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed	1	2 6PM Selectmen	3 4:30PM Sewer Commission Mtg	4	5
6	7	8 8A-8P School Budget Voting	9 4:30PM Oosoola Planning Mtg	10 6PM Planning Board Mtg	11	12
13	14	15	16 6PM Selectmen	17	18	19