



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 7, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- Under the terms of a conciliation agreement, we are required to provide training regarding discrimination and discrimination based on a disability/perceived disability. This is scheduled for July 28 with an approved attorney from Eastern Maine Law.
- Safety training finished tomorrow
- The State has filed for an extension with the Federal government that has delayed the payment of ARPA funds to municipalities. Norridgewock's forecasted share of funds is two payments of \$170,136.81.
- We are in the process of updating references to comply with the recently approved LD 1522, *An Act to Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Alderman, Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor*. The new law will take full effect in September.
- Payment from FirstPark was received in the amount of \$12,777.00 (\$10,631.00 in 2020). Our total expense for this year is expected to be \$19,084.64 (or a loss of \$6,307.64).

AIRPORT

- Additional funds have been made available under ARPA; the airport is eligible for another \$32,000. These funds are in addition to the two previous bills passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- We were notified by Charter that they will be building out the Beech Hill broadband proposal, the whole cost to be shouldered by Charter. The process for pole permitting/make ready takes about six months. It is expected that a total buildout will be complete within 12 months.
- We have explored the possibilities of developing the additional lot on Main Street to include off-street parking. This idea doesn't seem to be feasible, given the space needed for parking and turn-around, the loss of curbside parking, and the overall size of the lot.
- We're continuing to work with the Sportsmen Association to pull together information that could be considered for inclusion in the tax bill mailing.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- 150 30-day notices were sent on July 1 on unpaid 2020 real estate taxes. Liens will be filed on July 30.
- We have had wide interest in the Investments Request for Proposals that was issued. Those proposals are due in next Monday.

LIBRARY

- The local author event with Patty Farrin was a successful launch to the summer reading program. Children and adults can still join by visiting the library. Weekly craft bags are available for children.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A free COVID vaccination clinic will be held on Thursday, July 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Norridgewock Fire Station. This opportunity is being offered in cooperation with MaineGeneral Health.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Local Road Assistance Program funds for FY 2022 have increased to \$56,196, which is up about \$4,000 versus last year.
- Waste Management has announced its annual household hazardous waste day, which is August 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- We had a meeting with DEP last week to visit the old landfill. This meeting was intended as a site visit to ensure compliance with standards. A formal report will be issued, but there were no concerns voiced during the visit.
- We continue to have issues with the new backhoe/loader and the hydraulic configurations. I have escalated the concern and it seems as though there should be resolution soon. These communications have been documented to ensure they are resolved within the warranty period.
- Sidewalk overlay should be completed within the next week or so; there were supply issues. After overlay is complete, we'll backfill and arrange for sweeping.
- Beech Hill and Wilder Hill Roads crack sealing projects are expected to be completed before the end of this month.
- Roadside mowing is scheduled to begin next week.

SEWER

- Sludge hauling to Anson-Madison continues, in partnership with Pat Jackson. The initial price to haul was \$0.04 per gallon; the final price is slightly less than that. We hope to have this finished up within the next week or so.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4	5 Independence Day observed Office closed	6	7 6PM Selectmen	8 3-6PM Vaccine Clinic 6PM Planning Board Mtg	9	10
11	12 Investment Proposals due	13	14 4:30PM Parks/ Oosoola Mtg	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 6PM Selectmen	22 10AM Library Trustee Mtg	23	24