



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 21, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- The Town Office will be opening at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28, to accommodate required training.
- We still have not received our first payment of ARPA funds from the State; it should be received within the next week. Norridgewock's forecasted share of funds is two payments of \$170,136.81.
- We have completed the remainder of our annual safety training, with the free support from SafetyWorks, a division of the Maine Department of Labor.

AIRPORT

- Representatives from the airport will be making a presentation to the TIF Advisory Committee next Tuesday regarding proposed upgrades to the terminal building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I was able to welcome Mill Stream Nutrition to town, presenting them with a grand opening plaque. They will be celebrating their grand opening with the Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce tomorrow (July 22) at 9:00 a.m.
- We have received large ATV signs to be placed at the top and bottom of Winding Hill Road. We are waiting to locate the signs with a member of the Sportsmen Association, then we will DigSafe, and install. They have also purchased the upgraded signs, as required by the State.
- I submitted a grant application under MaineDOT's BikePed Program, which would support the reconstruction of sidewalks from the school to Everett's Tire, then the construction of new sidewalk to Oosoola Park. If successful, the project would be completed in two phases, beginning in 2023. The total construction both phases is estimated at \$997,000; the grant requests are \$394,400 for the first phase and \$400,000 for the second.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Tax liens on unpaid 2020 real estate taxes will be filed on July 30. As of today, there are 106 accounts with a balance owed.

LIBRARY

- The library will host the fire department on August 7, from 10:00am to noon, as they conduct a demonstration. It is a chance for folks to see fire equipment, learn about being a firefighter, and overall fire safety.

- The Trustees have also scheduled a Chewonki program for September 25, 12:00 noon, at the Grange. This program will be *Mammals of Maine: From Mice to Moose*.

PARKS

- The Parks Committee had a good meeting, continuing to plan for Oosoola Days. The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, at 4:30 p.m. The committee also briefly discussed the Select Board's initial proposal for enhancements to the riverfront and they were very supportive. These ideas have been forwarded to the TIF Committee for consideration, beginning at their next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- A second COVID vaccination clinic is scheduled for August 10, at the fire station.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The issues with the backhoe/loader seem to be resolved; it was returned to the garage today.
- I met with officials from New Balance and they have asked that the two speed tables double as raised crosswalks, where they already exist on Depot Street. We are coordinating with the contractor to minimize the impact on New Balance when the tables are installed.
- I have submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending request to Senator King's office, with a total request of \$7 million under the title of Norridgewock River & Highway Preservation Project. This would support the necessary improvements to Sandy River and Father Rasle Roads, but also would support the reconstruction and paving of Winding Hill and Sandy River Roads. Senator King has sent it to the Appropriations Committee with his support, but it remains a long shot for funding.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21 6PM SelectBoard	22 10AM Library Trustee Mtg	23	24
25	26	27 4PM TIF Committee Mtg	28 Training- Town Office open at 11	29	30 2020 REAL EST LIENS FILED	31
1	2 4:30PM Oosoola Days Mtg	3	4 6PM SelectBoard	5	6	7 10:00 – noon Firefighter Demo at Library