



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- Only 29 ballots were cast yesterday for the school referendum: 27 yes, 2 no.
- The Town Office will be closed on Monday (9/6), in observance of Labor Day.
- I have finalized the Town's submission to the State in order to receive ARPA funds. The total allocation for Norridgewock is \$340,294.10, of which half will be paid this year.

AIRPORT

- I have filed the paperwork with FAA for an additional \$32,000 in Federal Assistance under the ARPA.
- Fuel specials will be a part of Oosoola Days. From September 4-6, non-ethanol will be \$3.39 per gallon and 100 LL will be \$4.69, while supplies last.

CEMETERIES

- The Cemetery Committee has met and is going to be working to develop a sort of guiding document that will support the maintenance and repairs needed at the Town-maintained cemeteries. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, where the committee will meet, then tour cemeteries (weather permitting). There is also consideration being given to revising the ordinance, as there may be opportunity to bring about more clarity, having seen what has happened since the adoption of the current version in 2018.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- The Planning Board's regular meeting is canceled for September, but it will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 14 to consider the subdivision application for Red Barn Road. The Bigelow Hill Road subdivision has been delayed until October due to missed submission deadlines.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- We have received a swim area permit from the State for area off Oosoola Park. The next steps will be determining access, layout, etc. The permit allows for 1000 feet of frontage and a maximum length of 200 feet, which is the water safety zone.
- We were invited to tour SAPPI to see what the impact of the Shawmut Dam removal would have on their business; I plan to attend next Thursday.
- I've met with the Sportsmen Association regarding potential grant applications that will help enhance their trails through the receipt of State funding support. They have received favorable feedback on the mailing that was included in tax bills, as well.

- I met with Kim Lindlof of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce regarding their potential coverage of our area. The efforts of the MMCC have been remarkable and I believe there will be tremendous value to Norridgewock's joining. I intend to propose this to the TIF Committee at their next regular meeting.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxes are due September 21. Collection Rate: Real Estate 22.74%; Personal Property 3.37%.
- Sewer liens on unpaid July/August/September 2020 usage will be filed on September 16.

PARKS

- Oosoola Days is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, September 5-6. September 5 is at the airport and September 6 is downtown and at Oosoola Park.

PUBLIC WORKS

- I have received dozens of calls from residents about the lack of roadside mowing along state routes. I have contacted DOT several times over the last three months, but no progress has been made. At last contact, mowing was supposed to commence late last week. I have sought the assistance of residents in getting this project accomplished, especially as there are significant safety concerns related to lines of sight.

RECREATION

- Soccer signup is now taking place. In-town cost is Deadline for registration is September 9.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
29	30 4:30PM Oosoola Days Mtg	31	1 5:40PM Assessor 6PM Select:Board	2	3	4
5 OOSOOLA DAYS	6 LABOR DAY Office closed	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 6PM Planning Board Mtg	15 6PM SelectBoard	16 6PM- Legal Seminar	17	18