



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT JANUARY 18, 2023**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Meet the Candidate profiles are requested no later than January 27. This has been extended to all candidates on the ballot.
- The Board is planned to sign the Town Meeting Warrant on February 1, which will make absentee ballots available February 2. Voters can request an absentee ballot at any time, but request will not be fulfilled until that date.
- I am asking that all town report submissions be completed before the end of this week.

### **AIRPORT**

- We had a scoping meeting last week to discuss the future acquisition of snow removal equipment. Initially budgeted around \$300,000, agencies are reporting the cost to be closer to \$700,000. The CIP will be adjusted and we will proceed with building specifications for equipment acquisition, subject to review by the Airport Advisory.

### **CODE & PLANNING**

- The Planning Board recently approved an application by Ryan and Katrina Nickerson to construct a 40' x 100' commercial building at Waterville and Bigelow Hill Roads. The building will house a repair shop, as well as retail and office space.
- The Planning Board will hold a special meeting on January 26 to review a subdivision application for Red Barn Road Subdivision. The applicant is requesting a modification to a condition, which requires a whole new application.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- The TIF Committee will meet next Tuesday to review a façade improvement program application from 3D Equipment.
- The State has issued a request for proposals for the trestle project, which has a target completion date of June 30, 2023. The information packet issued by the State is available for viewing at the Town Office.

### **FINANCE & COLLECTIONS**

- We received the reimbursement for the State's share of the generator at Public Works (\$14,420).

- Automatic foreclosure on unpaid 2021 real estate liens (2020 taxes) is February 5. As of this morning, there were 10 properties remaining subject to foreclosure. All properties have been reviewed and there does not appear to be a need to waive foreclosure on any.

## **LIBRARIES**

- Last weekend, the library hosted Carmen Dickinson, a local quilter who showcased her work. It was well attended.
- This Saturday at 10:30, the library will welcome local author Karla Jordan, who has two relatively new books. She will do a meet-and-greet and offer a book signing.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- The Fire Department is pleased to welcome Norridgewock resident Kyle Mullin as the new full-time firefighter. Kyle has been a call firefighter with the Department since 2014.
- Thanks to Poland Springs for their donation of water to the Fire Department (approximately 1,700 bottles of water).
- The forestry grant through the State of Maine was successfully awarded. The grant's share of \$1,745 will support the purchase of hand tools, a floating pump, and hose.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- This last weekend's storm was costly, in terms of material put out on roadways; we are ordering additional salt, as well as planning to bring in stockpiled sand.

## **SEWER**

- We received a proposal for a contractor to build shelters for the pump station control panels—the only responsive bid was \$29,462.00. The proposal is being sent to Rural Development for approval. Remaining grant funds total about \$156,000—from which this expense would come and, ideally, a storage structure of some sort.