



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 1, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- The *Meet the Candidates* edition of *The Bridge* should be out before the end of this week. Thank you to the candidates that responded.
- Pending Select Board signatures on the Town Meeting Warrant tonight, absentee ballots will be available beginning tomorrow.
- The Town Report is now being edited and should be sent to the printers early next week.
- Applications for the Planning Board vacancy are still being accepted.
- Senator Farrin has submitted legislation that would support the Road Advisory Committee's request to raise the threshold for engineering requirements on public works projects. I have sent over preliminary draft language, they are sending it to the Committee analyst, and I am planning testimony (in-person or via Zoom) on February 14.

AIRPORT

- The tractor subject to replacement under the Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) grant has about 4,200 hours on it. Given that reading, I have asked that Gale Associates suspend the SRE project until the Board can provide authorization to proceed. They have reiterated the fact that this project benefits from 95% state/federal funding.
- We have been approached by LifeFlight of Maine to consider installing a runway camera, which would then be live streamed online. I am considering participation if we are able to ensure that the airport incurs no additional cost.

CODE & PLANNING

- The Planning Board issued conditional approval of the Red Barn Road Subdivision filed by Jeremy Turner. The approval is not yet final and permits have not been issued, as a revised final plan has not been submitted for signature and filed at the Registry of Deeds.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- We received the reimbursement for the FEMA COVID-related expenses (\$19,813).
- Automatic foreclosure on unpaid 2021 real estate liens (2020 taxes) is February 5. As of this afternoon, there were four properties remaining subject to foreclosure.
- Automatic foreclosure notices go out tomorrow on unpaid sewer use charges from Jul/Aug/Sept 2020 (1 account).
- Next week, 30-day notices to lien will be mailed for unpaid Jan/Feb/Mar 2022 sewer use charges (32 accounts).

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The generator has been fully installed at the Town Office, which allows us to close out the final half of the grant for reimbursement, which I'll be able to submit after bills are paid tonight.
- The Chief is working on revising the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for SCBA equipment. He is spending a good amount of time reviewing other successful applications in the last round and modifying our application to better align with those that were awarded.

PUBLIC WORKS

- I have asked our engineering firm to proceed with getting an updated cost estimate and design for the Father Rasle Road embankment project, as we now have funding secured. I have also asked to make sure the HUD Part 50 Environmental Assessments were completed both for that project and Sandy River Road, so that it fully qualifies for the Federal funding.

SEWER

- The contractor is proceeding to construct the shelters for the pump station control panels. They will be built off-site, then installed. This expense is being paid from the upgrade project grant.