



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- The Town Office will be closed on Friday, October 1, so that staff can attend the annual Maine Municipal Association conference in Augusta.
- Municipal ballot layout and design for November 2 has been finalized; ballots can be requested now, but will likely not be available until October 2. The same timeline is true for State ballots.
- Althea Spooner will be recognized in a small, private ceremony with the Boston Post Cane, in conjunction with her 100th birthday. Mrs. Spooner became the rightful cane holder in August 2020, but the presentation was delayed due to public health condition. We will have a resolution prepared for adoption at the next regular meeting.

AIRPORT

- I have a meeting tomorrow to review the taxiway project with our consultant, FAA/DOT, and the contractor. At this point, we expect that the project will be complete and the final retainage will be released.

CEMETERIES

- The Cemetery Committee has met once again and conducted a review of a few cemeteries in town. The goal is to develop a budgetary assessment of needs, in terms of maintenance and repairs.
- The Cemetery Committee, together with the Historical Society, is planning to submit a grant request to host a workshop in Norridgewock by the Maine Old Cemetery Association. The opportunity would be a great chance for activity in the cemeteries and would provide an education on stone cleaning and leaning.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- The Planning Board has moved the Red Barn Road Subdivision forward; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14. The Bigelow Hill subdivision application has not been formally submitted and the Planning Board has asked that it be scheduled into November.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I toured SAPPI last week to see what the impact of the Shawmut Dam removal would have on their business; it was a very informative session.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxes are due September 21. Collection Rate: Real Estate 40.27%; Personal Property 95.60%.
- Sewer liens on unpaid July/August/September 2020 usage will be filed tomorrow morning; there are 17 accounts in this status.
- We have received payment of the \$170,147.06 as our first round of ARPA funds. As we move forward, we need to determine how these funds should be spent. Consideration should be given to sending priority projects/expenses to the Budget Committee for review.

LIBRARIES

- The Library Trustees will host the Chewonki Foundation for a new program, *Mammals of Maine*. It will be held on September 25, 11:00 a.m. at the Grange. Attendance in free.

PARKS

- Oosoola Days was a great success, both at the airport and the park. We had a strong turnout and a great group of volunteers. We had our wrap-up meeting last night and developed notes for consideration next spring when planning begins. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and those in attendance for helping make this year a success.

PUBLIC WORKS

- We have instituted a \$500 hiring bonus to attract operator/laborers in advance of the winter season. The incentive will be paid out in three phases over the course of twelve months.

RECREATION

- Soccer is expected to begin next week. Smithfield has offered the use of their field near the town office for us to use, as the drainage project here still isn't complete.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 10AM Cemetery 4:30PM Oosoola Days Mtg 6PM Planning Bd	15 6PM SelectBoard	16 6PM- Legal Seminar	17	18
19	20	21	22 11AM KVCOG	23 10AM Library	24	25 11AM Chewonki at Grange
26	27	28 4PM TIF Comm	29	30 MMA Convention	1 Town Office Closed	2