

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 15, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

• As was mentioned at the last meeting, the high school is organizing a community service day. They have changed the date to May 12. If you have any suggested ideas or projects, public or private, please let us know.

AIRPORT

• I have been working with our consultant to try and adjust the priorities of the airport for the upcoming construction season. We believe that, rather than purchasing a whole new carrier vehicle for snow removal, we'll be able to purchase a new snowblower. We're also looking to advance the design and permitting of taxilanes on the north side of the airport.

ASSESSING

• We're keeping an eye on new legislation related to the Property Tax Stabilization Program for seniors (LD 290). Tomorrow beginning at 1:00 p.m., the Taxation Committee will hear testimony on four different pieces of legislation looking to impact the program. You are able to view these hearings live online.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• We've been asked to be a municipal sponsor of Build Maine, which is an event that will be hosted in Skowhegan June 7-8. The event provides amazing support for economic development opportunities, encouraging public/private partnerships, and showcasing best practices for people involved in "building Maine". Sponsorship is \$600, but also includes free tickets for municipal representatives. I will be referring this opportunity to the TIF Committee for funding consideration.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

• Sewer liens for unpaid January/February/March 2022 sewer use charges will be filed tomorrow. There are 20 accounts that will go to lien status.

LIBRARY

• Local artist Mary Burr will be at the library this Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. to talk about her recent trip to Italy and start off the month of her art display at the library.

- The next book club meeting is March 29 at 2:00 p.m.; they'll be discussing *Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott.
- Local author and journalist Amy Calder will be at the library on April 1 at 10:30 a.m. with her new book, *Comfort is an Old Barn*.
- For more information on all library events and programming, call the library at 634-2828.

PUBLIC SAFETY

• Proposals were solicited for the replacement of the boiler at the fire station. Two proposers submitted pricing in a timely manner. Work and materials were comparable.

Fabian Oil	\$8,700.00
A.E. Robinson (1)	\$12,485.00
A.E. Robinson (2)	\$13,345.00

A contract was signed with Fabian and the boiler will be installed on March 21 at 8:00 a.m. The installation provides us with a 15-year warranty on the heat exchanger and a 5-year warranty on parts.

RECREATION

• Signups are now open for tee/base/softball. Deadline to sign up is March 31.