



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MAY 3, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- Proposals for IT Services and Roadside Mowing are due May 10.
- The high school's community service day has been postponed to May 26.
- MSAD 54 Superintendent Jon Moody will be attending the next Select Board meeting to discuss the proposed 2023-24 budget.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I had a meeting with representatives from the Warden Service, DOT, and the State ATV Program regarding the Sportsmen Association's request to open all State roads for ATVs. In brief, the request was largely denied, as DOT doesn't want ATVs on roads. We're working to finalize the short list of authorizations so that a map can be developed and it can be communicated out. *Please note: **Trails and local roads are still not open for ATV use.** We will make postings when they are open.*
- Any Town employee or committee member that would like to attend Build Maine, please reach out to me in the next week so that we can get you registered. The event dates are June 7-8 in Skowhegan and more program information is available on the website www.build-maine.com
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 4:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- 30-day notices will be sent on May 12 on unpaid April/May/June 2022 sewer use charges
- There are no properties subject to automatic foreclosure this quarter as the result of unpaid sewer use charges.

LIBRARIES

- **Meet & Greet with local artist Iver Lofving: Saturday, May 20, 10:30 AM**
- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 3:00 PM**

PARKS

- Public Works installed the new adaptive swing at Oosoola Park. It is a nice addition that has certainly garnered a lot of public support and appreciation.

- The Parks Committee has a meeting scheduled to begin planning for Oosoola Days and to discuss the possibility of hosting a boat parade this summer. Members of the public wishing to be involved in either are encouraged to attend. More information to come.
- **Parks Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 4:00 PM**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Reports of a possible natural gas leak came in on Sunday morning. After investigation, it was determined that the most likely source was farm-sourced land spreading. Thanks to the NFD, officials at Summit Natural Gas, and Waste Management for their cooperation and efforts in response.
- The storm on Monday morning caused road closures on River Road, Ferry Road, Sandy River Road, Dodlin Road, Father Rasle Road, and Beech Hill Road. The only major closures were on River Road and Sandy River Road. Contrary to the what has been propagated, our local efforts started very early that morning and involved great cooperation internally and with outside agencies. Fire and Public Works crews were deployed to River Road to install interim measures until DOT could respond.
- The dock at the boat launch was taken down-river as a result of the rising waters. Water levels were too high, debris too much, and current too strong to be able to pull the dock in during daylight and I wasn't willing to place employees or equipment into the water to try and pull it to shore. While the loss is unfortunate in the short-term, personal property can be replaced. I have already reached out to BPL Boating Facilities to see about getting a replacement.
- I had a meeting with other area managers yesterday to discuss a variety of items of common interest, but most important was the regionalization of EMS services. Presently, we benefit from the services of RFGH, but we need to be aware of what is going on around us, as it is something we may be faced with. The group is seeking a Community Self-Determination Grant, which will help guide options and decision-making going forward. While we do not need to be a part of it now, it is likely something relevant for us in the near future.
- Due to tripped stanchion bays at the Weston Dam, when the runoff/flows subside, it is expected that the headpond will drop uncontrollably to an estimate of 9 feet below normal pond level. This water level will remain until repairs can be made, which is expected to impact the entire late-spring boating season. Additionally, Brookfield officials note that the spillway is exposed and the boater barriers have not yet been installed, so boaters should use extreme caution. As more information becomes available, they will communicate that to us.

PUBLIC WORKS

- We received the final Army Corps permit for Sandy River Road bank stabilization project. We're proceeding cautiously with this project as, ideally, we could fund it with CDS money; however, it can fit within the scope of our regular budget, if need be. We

are faced with obstacles because we don't have a good point of contact with HUD and the explanation about what is required for an environmental review has been inadequate. We're continuing to work diligently for clarification so that we are able to plan for projects to be covered by the funding.

- Any Town employee or committee member that is interested in attending the Highway Congress, please let me know within the next week so that you can be registered. The event date is June 1 in Skowhegan.

RECREATION

- Thank you to the many volunteers who showed up for Field Day last weekend. Also, thanks to the Lynch's, Everett's, Libby's and all who helped on Monday to clean up the field after the rain storm. Overall, the field drainage project is proving to be a major success, as we were able to host games that afternoon... after 5 inches of rain.