



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **MAY 17, 2023**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

- The School District Budget Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, at Skowhegan Area High School Gym.
- The collection at the Town Office to benefit the Corporal Cole Scholarship Fund received \$222.75.
- We received notice from Maine DEP that they are working on an investigation of PFAS from the land application of septage in town. This is intended to identify sites that may be impacted. If it is determined that PFAS has impacted an individual's drinking water, assistance can be provided by the State. The State has been unwilling to disclose the list of sites to our administration. General questions about this investigation may be directed to [David.Madore@maine.gov](mailto:David.Madore@maine.gov) or by phone to 287-5842.
- The Town Office will be closed on Friday, May 26, to support the community service day with high school students from Skowhegan.
- All non-emergency Town departments will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

#### **AIRPORT**

- I am once again exploring to possibility of installing solar at the airport. There were issues among the utility companies in the past and we're attempting to navigate through that. It is a unique situation because geographically, the airport is located within Madison Electric's coverage area, but because of the access, it is served by Central Maine Power.
- I attended a preliminary Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update meeting with DOT last week. We'll be working with the Airport Advisory Committee to determine other eligible project priorities that can be included in the long-term plan.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING**

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 6:00 PM**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 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](http://www.build-maine.com)
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 4:00 PM**

## **FINANCE & COLLECTIONS**

- Reminder notices for unpaid 2022 taxes went out yesterday, in advance of notices that will go out next month adding fees to accounts. 198 accounts remain delinquent.
- The County has sent their preliminary budget for the upcoming year. In its draft form, it represents an increase of over \$61,000 to Norridgewock, which is about 10.8% more than last year. The public hearing on the budget will be held June 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Court Room.

## **LIBRARIES**

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

## **PARKS**

- The Parks Committee has scheduled a Boat Parade for July 1, 2023, with a rain date of July 2. It will be a relatively informal event, but one that has garnered a lot of positive attention so far.
- Preparation for Oosoola Days has begun and one of the special projects to pair with the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration is Music in Oosoola Park. We are working to schedule in bands for mid-week each week throughout August; details have yet to be finalized, but we should know more soon.
- The perimeter rocks were placed at the Town Square this morning. The contractor will continue to monitor to ensure that there is proper regrowth on the property.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- The river was dropped even further this last weekend as officials worked to prepare for the repair job at the Weston Project. If all goes well, levels will begin to rise, which will take an unknown amount of time, largely dependent on rainfall and runoff.
- The Fire Department was successful in their grant application for the purchase of high-visibility gear, that will save wear-and-tear on regular turnout gear and also better equip firefighters in different situations where turnout gear may be overkill. The grant covers two-thirds of the purchase (\$2,880 of \$4,320).
- The claim to replace the boiler at the fire station has been denied, but I have filed an appeal based upon the investigator's findings and the scope of our coverage. The appeal doesn't look promising, but I wanted to exhaust all possibilities before proceeding.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Fleet technology was upgraded in all of the trucks/equipment, for both Public Works and Sewer.
- The Route 2 mill and fill project from Norridgewock to Farmington has begun. The contractor on the project is All States Construction. We do have contact information for

the project, which we can share as needed. The project also includes crack sealing and guardrail improvements.

- Public Works employee Jeffrey Daniels continues to be under medical treatment for leukemia. He has been out of work for about two months now. There will be a chicken barbeque held on June 17 to benefit him and his family. The event will be held at the Grange. More details to come.
- 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.

## **SEWER**

- We met with representatives from RCAP Solutions, which was the successful proposer for the Water District's mapping project. They are willing to map our project at no cost, but in order to ensure the most accurate location of services, etc., it is recommended that we hire an additional consultant to help locate laterals. The price is substantial, but we would also be covering off on a full line inspection. The proposal from Center Line Utility Services (Bangor) who is also working on a project for the Water District totaled \$19,800 to use a robot to inspect the lines and GPS all of the laterals.