



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JUNE 21, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- The school budget passed in each member community and we have since received our new assessment that begins in July.
- We hosted the third-graders from Mill Stream Elementary School this last week for a tour of the Town Office. They also visited the fire station.
- The Town Office will be closed on Monday-Tuesday, July 3-4, in observance of Independence Day.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The informational meeting on the rail trail was very well attended last night. There were approximately 80 people present to learn about the project, its progress, and future. State officials are hopeful that the rail trail will open in our area before the end of the summer.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 5:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxpayers who have not yet paid their 2022 taxes will be mailed a 30-day notice to lien on June 29; this will add extra fees to tax accounts.
- We were able to negotiate interest rates on our current bank accounts up to 2.5% across the board. There was \$1M in an 18-month CD that was at a stale rate, so Skowhegan Savings was willing to close that and covert it to a 9-month CD at 4.0%. We also have a \$1M CD that will mature in December at 4.0%. We are exploring other funds that could be committed to a 5-9 month CD at 4.5%.
- We received our assessment notice from the County, which indicated an increase of over \$61,000 (+10.7% over last year).

LIBRARIES

- The librarian has submitted her resignation; her last day will be July 11. The Library Trustee Chair has asked that I delay posting the position, as the trustees would like to review the position and whether or not it even needs to be filled, or could be staffed with volunteers/Friends of the Library.
- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 3:00 PM**

PARKS

- Parks Committee Meeting: Monday, June 26, 4:00 PM
- Boat Parade: July 1, 2023 at 12:00 noon

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Pike invoice came in for Burrill Hill Road. The initial contract estimated a total of \$355,288; however, the final bill was \$382,042.50. This was driven largely by more surface being used than estimated.