



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

AUGUST 16, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- The Town Office will be closed Friday, August 18.
- We were subject to a random, unannounced Maine Department of Labor last week, which took Tuesday and Wednesday. For the most part, we had minor issues that will be corrected in short order. Public Works, Sewer, Airport, and Fire were the departments subject to the greatest scrutiny. A significant list of deficiencies, primarily related to documentation, was noted. A report will be generated within the next month or so, requiring a formal response and may have penalties attached.
- The groundbreaking for the new school in Skowhegan is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. All members of the Board are invited to attend.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- We continue to monitor and send notices on junkyard violations. About a dozen certified letters have gone out in the last couple of weeks, and we continue to document for future litigation if property owners do not comply.
- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Waste Management anticipates that Phase 14 will begin to accept waste on Monday, August 21. This will result in an increase on all waste (except revenue-generating cover) from \$3.25 to \$3.80 per ton. Side note: fees received year to date are \$652,464.72, representing an increase of \$163,538 or 33% over PY.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 5:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxes were committed at a rate of \$12.15 per thousand. This rate would likely be at or below \$12.00 if the full surplus allowance had been authorized to reduce taxes.
- We have received our annual insurance dividends from Maine Municipal Association totaling \$3,150, slightly less than last year.

LIBRARIES

- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 3:00 PM**

PARKS

- The Oosoola Park Music Series continues to be a success. Each Wednesday in August, a different group will play at the gazebo from 6 to 7:30 PM. Three more weeks are remaining, including tonight. Franklin Savings is sponsoring the event. A food truck will also be on-site for each night.
- The Parks Committee has reviewed an initial proposal for docks at Oosoola Park. The preliminary sketch has already been deviated from because of permitting, but they fully support the development. I will be filing the permit application with DEP for stairway installation, which is the only permit required. This won't be a project that rolls out until Spring 2024.
- Electricity should be brought to the new building in Oosoola Park next week.
- Oosoola Days: September 3-4