



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- We welcomed Kaylee Gilson on board as a part-time office clerk. She joins us with experience from the Town of Solon.
- The County's Register of Deeds has sent a letter indicating that she is resigning from her recently-appointed position. She attributes her exit to a lack of support from the Commission and Administration, which includes offering her the lowest salary of Registrars in the State.

CEMETERIES

- Repairs have been underway at Riverview Cemetery. Under the guidance of the Cemetery Committee, many stones have been repaired; however, several fallen stones still need work. The committee is exploring possibly hiring a second contractor to expedite repairs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- At its last meeting, the Planning Board approved the biosolids processing facility proposed for the Waste Management property.
- DEP sent notice that they will initiate an investigation into the presence of PFAS from land application of sludge. This includes sampling of soils and water at three sites in Norridgewock.
- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Permit by Rule application for the Oosoola Park staircase for the eventual docks has been approved. I have issued a request for pricing from several qualified vendors in hopes that we can proceed in the Spring.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 5:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- 2023 taxes are due September 19. Since the bills went out, we've collected 28.4% of commitment. This is trending behind last year when we collected about 36% of commitment at this time.

LIBRARIES

- Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 3:30 PM

PARKS

- The new building at Oosoola Park has been very helpful, especially as events like the music series occur. Electricity was brought in two weeks ago, the internet was installed last Friday, and surveillance equipment is coming.
- The Oosoola Park Music Series was a tremendous success despite the last week being canceled prematurely because of the weather. Funded with sponsorship from Franklin Savings Bank, we're hopeful to secure funding for a similar (if not expanded) series next summer. With initial discussions, the Committee will likely proceed with an internally run music series.
- Oosoola Days was a success. Thanks to our volunteers, business supporters, organizations, etc., for making it happen.

PUBLIC WORKS

- I was finally able to get a meeting with Pike to discuss the longitudinal cracking in Walker Road. They've agreed to crack seal and overlay the road as a preventative cure. I have asked them to cover the repair cost in good faith, but will ultimately be willing to cost-share, if necessary. With all of the testing, there wasn't anything unusual in the mix or application.