



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT OCTOBER 18, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- Absentee ballots for the November referendum are now available. You can request at the office, online, or by phone.
- We had three groups of kindergarteners from Mill Stream come through the office today to support their unit about 'community'
- I received documentation from the Department of Labor inspection back in August. I am working on remediating issues and will set up a meeting to discuss proposed penalties.
- I have accepted the resignation of our code enforcement officer, fire chief, health officer, and plumbing inspector; we'll fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
- I've sent department/committee budget requests with a December deadline.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The community mural unveiling was held on Saturday and was very well-attended. We've received some positive press and positive feedback from residents.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 5:00 PM**
- **Mill Stream PTG Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 28, 5:00-7:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- We received September's host fee from Waste Management: \$156,519.04. This is a 66% increase over the same period last year.

LIBRARIES

- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 3:30 PM**
- **Chewonki's Owls of Maine will be hosted on October 21, 11:00 AM, at the Grange**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Meetings with FEMA have continued to manage our claims for the May rainstorm. I have another follow-up meeting on Friday, followed by site inspections in the next couple of weeks.
- The fire department will be going to the school on Friday to provide Fire Safety Month programming for grades Pre-K through 2.

- The process of getting the full-time firefighters transitioned to Maine PERS is still underway. I hope to have additional information to present to the Board at the next regular meeting.
- I have heard a lot of public feedback regarding potential “panhandler” regulations. State statute provides that “A person commits a traffic infraction if that person signals a moving vehicle, stops a vehicle or accosts an occupant of a vehicle stopped on a public way to solicit a contribution or subscription, or sell merchandise or a ticket of admission to an entertainment or public gathering.” Case law indicates that any stricter regulation may be a violation of the First Amendment, *City of Lakewood v. Willis*.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The revised schedule for intersection work by the bank indicates that work is expected next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24-25.
- I have been in contact with Pike, and they have agreed to hold the current contract proposal until Spring 2024 to better evaluate Walker Road cracking.