



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 15, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- The newest edition of The Bridge newsletter has been printed. It is available on the Town website, the Town Office, and the Library. It is also a part of my proposed 2024 budget to enhance the newsletters, in terms of contributors and content, and mail them to every door direct mail. I am waiting on final pricing, but I think this would be a major, positive step forward, in terms of transparency.
- The new resident/guest welcome pack has been completed and is now in the editing process.
- 2024 Budget planning is well underway. Expect to begin the budget review process at your next regular meeting.
- Nomination papers for March 2024 will be available starting November 22.
- All non-emergency departments will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Safety Works provided annual training for Public Works, Airport, and Sewer. It ensures that we comply with all DOL training requirements. I've also implemented a new online learning portal, free through our insurer, to push out additional training as needed.
- Please be thinking about nominees for town report dedication, as well as the Spirit of America Award recognition. Nominees can be submitted to me from Board members and/or members of the public. The decision will be made by electronic polling as was the case last year.
- **Mill Stream & Grange Craft Fairs: Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM**

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- I'd like to thank the tenants of 40 Main Street for being responsive to my request to clean up the property. It was done within a weekend, and it is much appreciated.
- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I've followed up with Ride Maine, which is an affiliate organization of Maine DOT and the Maine Turnpike Authority. There appears to be funding mechanisms that could support a park and ride facility in Norridgewock, and could be used to support such a facility on private property. I'm hoping to secure a team meeting in the next two weeks to further explore the opportunities.

- Proposals for the replacement float dock at the Oosoola Park Boat Launch must be submitted no later than November 30 to be considered at the December 6 Select Board meeting.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 5:00 PM**

LIBRARIES

- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 3:30 PM**

PARKS

- **Parks Committee Meeting: Monday, November 20, 4:30 PM**
- **Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting: Saturday, December 9, 1:30 PM.** *If you are interested in supporting this event as a business, organization, or individual, please reach out to the Town Office or a member of the Parks Committee.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Fire Department participated in the Mill Stream Trunk or Treat, which was well-attended. Thanks to Jeff Jones and Andrew Dexter for their support.
- We've continued to make progress on FEMA filings related to the May rainstorm; we are about at our final submissions
- Maine PERS has accepted all of our filings, and a representative will take employee questions in a meeting next week before the program starts on December 1.
- The 2023 pump tests were completed on fire trucks and resulted in very minimal repairs.
- **Rabies Clinic: Saturday, November 18, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Fire Station.**

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Department continues to prepare for the winter season and is working to identify and secure new turnaround easement opportunities, with priority given to the areas where significant time is spent turning around. We have drafted a proposal for Nickerson Road and hope that we are successful.
- I am pleased to report that I have received the 2024 proposal for Town property maintenance from Nickerson Yard Maintenance in the amount of \$45,000, which is flat over the previous year. This contract will be considered at your next regular meeting.
- The Water District reported a water line break on Maple Street; it has been repaired. Repaving the opening is expected to be completed this fall.

RECREATION

- Basketball signups are now available online and at the Town Office.
- **Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, November 27, 5:00 PM**

SEWER

- **Sewer Commission Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 4:30 PM**