



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT JANUARY 17, 2024**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- I have a resident inquiry about requiring that members of boards and committees be residents of Norridgewock. I have reached out to other managers to see how other communities manage this, if at all, beyond statute.
- Next Tuesday, I have a meeting in Augusta to discuss penalties assessed from August's Labor inspection.
- You can now request absentee ballots for both Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary, although ballots won't be available until early February.
- The Town Office will be closing at noon on Friday, January 19, so all staff can attend a retirement luncheon for Joe Bishop.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING**

- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 6:00 PM**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 5:00 PM**

### **FINANCE & COLLECTIONS**

- We received our final host fee check for 2023 from Waste Management for \$129,000.83.
- Liens on unpaid 2021 real estate taxes will automatically foreclose on February 4. After January 24, all payment funds must be certified to discharge the lien.

### **LIBRARIES**

- **Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 3:30 PM**
- **Author/Artist Event with Ret & Karen Talbot, January 20, 10:30 AM. Ret is co-author of *Chasing Shadows: My Life Tracking the Great White Shark*, and Karen is a scientific illustrator.**

### **PARKS**

- I had the kick-off meeting with Rent.Fun regarding the new kayak/SUP unit for Oosoola Park. Things are on track for a spring launch.
- I received notice from the insurance company that our claim on the building at Oosoola Park was approved and they are going to cover the cost of replacement, improvements, and contents, less our deductible.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- I have a meeting tomorrow with CivicReady to initiate the text alert system. The timing of rollout is unknown, but I am hopeful that it will be soon.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- We are taking steps to bid out the Father Rasle and Sandy River stabilization projects as one. The two engineering firms are cooperating to pull together one set of specs and one bid pack. This should provide us with cost savings.
- I have asked our engineering firm to review this end of Wilder Hill Road with the Road Committee's recommendation that the road likely be shifted slightly. They are working on reviewing the survey with hopes of getting to bid early enough to get qualified contractors.
- I have asked St. Germain to re-bid the Bombazee Brook crossing project that was tabled last year due to a high cost and only one proposal being submitted. They seem rather disconnected, but they completed the design work, so I'm pushing to have them see the project through.