



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 3, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

- The request deadline to boards and committees to submit ARPA proposals is November 10.
- Anyone interested in being considered for appointment to the School Board should submit a volunteer application by November 10 so that consideration can be made at the next regular Select Board meeting.
- Special Town Meeting Results
 - Question 1 (on premises consumption on Sunday) passed 662-301 (67.8% in favor)
 - Question 2 (on premises consumption on days other than Sunday) passed 730-225 (74.9% in favor)
 - These local results have been submitted to the Secretary of State's office, which is then in turn, responsible for reporting the results to BABLO.
- Local Vote on Statewide Issues
 - Question 1 (CMP Corridor) passed 652-309 (66.9% in favor)
 - Question 2 (Transportation Bond) passed 618-345 (63.4% in favor)
 - Question 3 (Constitutional Amendment) passed 685-273 (70.3% in favor)
- Nomination papers for Town Meeting will be available beginning November 24, to fill the following expiring terms/vacancies:
 - Select Board and Overseers, 5 seats for 1 year
 - Assessor, 3 seats for 1 year
 - Budget Committee, 3 seats for 3 years
 - Planning Board, 1 seat for 3 years and 1 seat for 2 years
 - SAD 54 Director, 1 seat for 3 years and 1 seat for 2 years
 - Library Trustee, 1 seat for 5 years, 1 seat for 2 years, and 1 seat for 1 year
 - Sewer Commission, 2 seats for 3 years, 2 seats for 2 years, and 1 seat for 1 year
- We completed the buildout of shelving in the basement vault in order to reorganize old records, provide stable long-term storage, and manage moisture.
- All non-emergency departments will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

AIRPORT

- After meeting with the Airport Advisory Committee last week, there were a number of things that we decided needed to be communicated out/reinforced with hangar owners. A letter has been sent to all owners with regards to the transfer of hangars and the storage of non-aviation equipment. The letter also provides an update on other facility goals.

CEMETERIES

- The Cemetery Committee plans to tour Oxbow and Witham Cemeteries tomorrow afternoon, as they complete their tour of all Town cemeteries. They will plan to meet on November 10 to discuss their findings, budget request, etc.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- The November Planning Board meeting has been canceled. They will meet in December to review any new business, as well as the electronic signboard survey results, and the 2022 budget request.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The grant application for sidewalk reconstruction is still on track. The funding amounts may vary depending on the Federal transportation bill. The grant awards are planned to be announced at the end of January or early February.

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- Taxes were due September 21; interest is now accruing. Collection Rate: Real Estate 87.65%; Personal Property 99.57%.

PARKS

- The Parks Committee met this afternoon to discuss organizing a Downtown Holiday Stroll on the afternoon of December 11. If you would like to volunteer to help or participate, please reach out to myself or someone on the committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The fire department completed their Fire Safety Month mini-course with kids at Mill Stream, grades Pre-K through 2 last week. Fire Captain Rick Caldwell of Skowhegan Fire was instrumental in the programming.
- The Fire Department is working on the 2021 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to resubmit the \$173,000 request for assistance in purchasing SCBA equipment. It appears that our last application may have been denied due to computer grading and erroneous call volume criteria that FEMA developed for rural combination departments. This has been resolved for the current grant cycle, which should strengthen the likelihood of award. In the 2020 application, the local share for this purchase was approximately \$8,300.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Congressionally Directed Spending request submitted for support with Father Rasle Road and Sandy River Road projects was unsuccessful in being included in the FY 2022 Appropriations bill. There remains an opportunity to work with our congressmen to discuss other potential avenues of funding for these projects.

RECREATION

- We have opened up registration for Rec basketball. The school has limited use of the gym strictly to Town-sponsored events.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Election 8A-8P Office Closed	3 4:30 Stroll Mtg 6PM SelectBoard	4 12nn Water District Mtg 2PM Cemetery	5	6
7	8	9	10 1PM Cemetery	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12	13
14	15	16	17 6PM SelectBoard	18 4:30 Library	19	20