



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 5, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

- Pending approval by the Board on business items tonight, the town report will be sent to the printers tomorrow. We await the auditor's short report, which is expected before the end of next week.
- Safety training planned for Friday has been postponed until 2/21 in light of the potential weather event.

ANIMAL CONTROL

- After complications with the holding of domesticated animals and that service not being offered by the shelter, the Town has purchased a freezer that will keep us compliant with regulations with no additional cost above and beyond the initial purchase. I have also forwarded the signed 2020 contract to the shelter.
- \$25 late fee on dog licenses went into effect on February 1

ASSESSING

- Donna is scheduled to be in on 2/13 and 2/20
- Exemption filings are due by April 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- I've received the draft Community Revitalization Plan, which I marked up and sent back to the consultant for additional work. There were areas that I thought were underdeveloped and they are working to resolve those concerns.

FINANCE/COLLECTIONS

- The auditor was here last week and the process went very smooth. At present, it is estimated that our surplus has ballooned to \$2.4 million. There were no significant deficiencies reported, to date.
- There were six properties that tax-acquired on January 23, 2020, as a result of unpaid 2017 real estate taxes.

PARKS

- We are working on developing an expanded Memorial Day parade, that will be organized cooperatively with the Historical Society. The goal is to celebrate veterans while including a celebration of Maine's Bicentennial and the unveiling of the historic panels at Sophie May Library. Those interested in volunteering and/or helping to organize can reach out to myself or Becky Ketchum.

PUBLIC WORKS

- With a gap in weather and the opportunity to get additional sand at a price of \$3.50 per yard, we stockpiled approximately 775 additional yards last week. This should ensure that we are able to make it through the winter without running out.

SEWER

- Portions of the upgrade continue to go online. We are in a good position, in terms of progress. If the schedule remains, there will likely be a construction shut-down before the end of the month, lasting through April. This will be a cost-savings to everyone.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 6PM Selectmen	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 6PM Planning Board Mtg	14	15
16	17 PRESIDENTS DAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	18	19 6PM Selectmen	20	21 SAFETY TRAIN'G OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON	22