



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT JANUARY 15, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

- We are aiming to have the Town report submitted to the printer no later than the first week of February. I am asking that all departments and outside organizations have reports submitted to the office no later than January 31. These reports may be subject to modification, depending on spacing.

AIRPORT

- I had a meeting with representative from SAPPI this afternoon regarding the removal of obstructions at the airport. It seems that we will be able to work out a favorable arrangement whereby the Town will be able to have the obstructions removed at no cost and there is potential for additional revenue. There is still more work to be done to ensure that we are protecting our interests.
- Additional meetings were held with solar representatives, CMP, Madison Electric, ConEd, and Waste Management. The plan for development moves forward and a group will be out to the airport and Waste Management on January 22-23 to explore points of interconnection.

ANIMAL CONTROL

- \$25 late fee per dog takes effect February 1; there is a last-minute rabies clinic at Waterville Humane Society on 1/19 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., with a snow date of 1/26.
- We have concerns about the Humane Society's lack of a freezer for deceased domesticated animals. Typically, a shelter would have a freezer where the animal would be tagged and held for a defined number of days before being disposed of. This gives owners the opportunity to claim the animal. Currently, Somerset doesn't offer this service; I am actively lobbying for this to change.

ASSESSING

- Donna's upcoming scheduled days are 1/23 and 2/13.

FINANCE/COLLECTIONS

- Automatic foreclosure date on unpaid 2017 real estate taxes is January 23; taxes must be paid and received in certified funds no later than 6:00 p.m. on that day. As of this afternoon, there were still 27 accounts outstanding.
- Our annual audit is scheduled to begin January 27.

LIBRARIES

- The book sale is tentatively planned for March 1-3 in the gym at Mill Stream School. This will coincide with elections being held.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Our roadside mow contractor has purchased a forestry head that will allow for the clearing of heavy, dense brush from the side of the road (up to 8”). This clearing is being offered to us at \$1,000 per mile, with a minimum of 3 miles. It is likely that we will give this a try in the upcoming season to see its success.
- We were served with paperwork from Jacobs Vehicle Systems demanding the removal of NO JAKE BRAKE signs within town limits. The company notes the trademark and files complaint that we are infringing on those rights. I ordered the immediate removal of these signs, which will not be replaced. The suggested language to be used on replacement signs is “No Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes” or “No Unmuffled use of Engine Brakes.”
- The State released its work plan, which highlights several projects in Norridgewock. In 2020, there will be resurfacing of Route 139, Route 201A, and Airport Road, airport improvements, traffic light replacements at Routes 2 and 201A. In 2021/22, there is a guardrail installation planned for River Road and airport improvements.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15 6PM Selectmen	16	17	18
19	20 MLK, JR. DAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	21 5PM TIF Comm Mtg	22	23 4PM Library Board Mtg	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 \$25 LATE FEE STARTS ON DOGS