



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Administration

- I will be attending a meeting with New Balance and Somerset Public Health next week to discuss food security and access to pantries. This cooperative effort should help to improve current situations.
 - Municipal Attorney Sally Daggett will attend your next meeting to introduce herself, speak about the range of services offered, as well as offer counsel on pending legal matters before the Town.
- **KVCOG Annual Meeting (Waterville, 9/30, 4:00pm) RSVP Deadline—9/13**

Airport

- We are still waiting to schedule crack sealing for the entire airport. Given the timeframe, we will likely look to schedule striping for next spring.

Animal Control

- The Town is currently seeking applicant to fill the position of ACO. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is selected to fill the position.

Assessing

- We have only received two requests for abatements since tax bills were mailed. Both are administrative corrections.
- **Donna's scheduled days are 9/12 and 9/26**

Cemeteries

- None

Code Enforcement

- The process for civil service for the junkyard violation on Oak Hill Rd. continues. We have attempted service nearly one dozen times in Somerset County and four times in Sagadahoc County at the property owner's place of employment. This is ongoing, but remains a focus of enforcement—both for junkyard and road/ditch maintenance.
- **Planning Board Meeting—9/12, 6pm**

Economic Development

- The Revitalization Plan Committee met again this afternoon to discuss the survey results and also to move the plan forward.
- A long-time resident has asked if we would coordinate the pressure washing of several buildings in the downtown area, in order to clean things up. I have received a price quote, the donor has agreed to the price, and we have now scheduled in the work. Pressure washing will take place beginning on the morning of September 19. This will ultimately be an arrangement between the property owners, the donor, and the contractor.

► **Community Revitalization Public Meeting is 9/24, 6:30 pm, Mill Stream Gym**

Finance/Collections

- The transition between treasurers has gone smoothly.
- As of this afternoon, we had a collection rate of 29% for real estate and personal property collections of 3%. This trend is normal and we still have outstanding large taxpayers, as well as loan servicers from whom we have not received payment.

► **Taxes are due 9/17**

Fire/EMA

- The new fire truck has been through its final inspection with only a couple of minor bullet items to be considered. It will then be transported for paint, etc. Tentatively, we are expecting the truck's delivery in early October.

Libraries

- The library had a successful event at Oosoola Days—announcing the winners of a recent art contest, as well as selling mugs, totes, and children's' books.
- The historic panels that are planned to be located near Sophie May Library are nearing completion. Two panels will be installed and the Sophie May-specific panel draft has been provided to us for review.

Parks

- Oosoola Days turned out to be rainy, but we proceeded with the parade and moved many of the activities to the school gym (likely, a well-planned alternative in the future). Participation was surprising, though down over previous years. The rubber duck race was a success and raised nearly \$600 for the Historical Society. The frog races saw limited participation, but went on as usual.
- The Boating Facilities Fund has agreed to provide us with floats and a ramp for installation in the spring, to accommodate concerns about ease of access and safety. They will also be installing new signage to promote the launch along the primary access routes.

Public Works

- We are seeking proposals for the replacement of two cross-culverts on Frederick Corner Rd. in preparation for potential 2020 projects. We are waiting on one additional proposal before a decision will be made.
- I have been made aware of roadside dumping concerns throughout town. I am planning a meeting with Waste Management to manage the concerns.
- Maine DOT told me earlier today that the railroad crossing on Main Street will be paved over this Friday in the mid-day. The other two crossings will see repairs to smooth the crossing.

Sewer

- The upgrade project continues to progress on schedule. We are awaiting the delivery of several lien waivers from Penta, which is now holding up approximately \$1 million in payments.
 - The contractor was also responsible for damage of the new generator as a result of crane operation when the generator was being moved. There was damage to the generator, which we are told is strictly external. I have spoken with our project representatives and am seeking financial compensation and/or a warranty extension as a result of the incident. This is still pending.
 - We have 17 properties the are currently in pre-lien status for unpaid Jul/Aug/Sept 2018 charges, which will go to lien on September 10. There is one property subject to automatic foreclosure as a result of unpaid Jan/Feb/Mar 2017 charges, which would mature on September 23. I expect this property to be paid up in time to avoid foreclosure.
- **Sewer Construction Meeting—9/5, 11am**