



**Town Manager's Report
August 21, 2019**

KVCOG announced its successful salt bidder: New England Salt at \$52 per ton delivered. This is a decrease of \$1 per ton versus previous year. 2018-19 winter, we used slightly over 800 yards.

We've collected over 11% of 2019 taxes with 25% of on-time payment period having elapsed. We have yet to receive any large payment processing payments, which will drastically increase the collection rate.

The Sewer Commissioners met last week to review YTD budget figures and the general position of the Department. A planned increase of 7% this year has been increased to 10%, effective October 1. There is also a tentative increase scheduled for October 1, 2020, which will increase rates another 10%. Rates still remain in the middle of comparable communities, but still don't appear to be covering the deficit.

Also included in the tax bills was the revitalization survey. In the three days that we've received mailed payments, we have collected over 80 surveys. Wright-Pierce will be reviewing the feedback and utilizing that with the working group on September 3.

About 30 people attended last night's Community Revitalization Public Meeting. Thanks to the Grange for hosting the meeting. There were some recurring themes throughout the night that will likely be included in the final recommendations. While not universally accepted, they were well-supported. The need to reduce crime/drugs (added law enforcement), improved access to the river, property maintenance regulations (primarily Main St.), and sidewalk maintenance/pedestrian access. The next meeting is planned to take place in late September; it will be held at the school.

The George Street turnaround is progressing, in cooperation with DMO Landscaping. We are taking advantage of the landowner's construction schedule to complete the project without truck traffic interfering. Target date for total completion is September 9. Progress photos attached.

Masonic event in North Anson to celebrate 200 years of Masons in Maine. There will be a parade starting at 10:00, followed by family events running until 2:00. More details available on Facebook.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18	19	20 6:30PM Dwntrwn Revitalize Public Mtg at Grange	21 4:30P Sewer Mtg 6PM Selectmen	22 3PM Library Mtg	23	24 9-1 Hazardous Household Waste Day at Waste Mgmt
25	26 5PM Oosoola Planning Mtg	27	28	29	30	31
1	2 Oosoola Days	3	4 1PM Downtown Revitaliztn Mtg 6PM Selectmen	5	6	7

