



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT JULY 15, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

- We had 588 voters participate in yesterday's election. That equates to a total of 24% voter participation (266 absentees, 322 in-person). I have also initiated discussions with the school regarding Election Day in November and truly needing school to be closed in order to comply with likely remaining social distancing expectations, in addition to general safety. Another meeting is planned for early September.
- I met with Somerset Public Health to discuss opioids in the community and what gaps may exist, in terms of providing support. There are a number of programs that may be beneficial to our community, including the supply of free Narcan for rescue services. They are also working on a communications project that we will be partnering with them on. SPH continues to work on access to quality transportation from Norridgewock to service communities.

AIRPORT

- Obstruction clearing is wrapping up, for the time being. We still have to explore the costs associated with mulching, but that will be a prioritized plan. There will be some additional cutting done once the ground freezes.
- As of July 7, net revenue from clearing was \$55,725.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The Planning Board met on Thursday, July 9 and granted preliminary approval of The Quimby Child Care Center's application to develop 29 Waterville Rd. The approval is contingent upon providing a plumbing permit number, a copy of the deed, and a copy of the letter sent to abutters.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- As a part of the Keep Maine Healthy Initiative, we were approved a grant that will cover 100% of the cost of a full-color, LED signboard. We paid the down payment of the July 1 warrant. Estimated installation is still 4-5 weeks out.

FINANCE/COLLECTIONS

- 2019 tax liens will be filed on July 31. As of this afternoon, a total of 152 accounts remain unpaid.

FIRE/EMA

- The full-time positions were posted, beginning on Monday, July 6. To date, we have received two applications. The process of reviewing applications will begin on or about August 3.

LIBRARIES

- The Library summer reading program has begun. Call or email the library for more information.
- We received a donation of a first edition Sophie May book, Little Prudy's Dotty Dimple.

PARKS

- We are aware of concerns regarding people at Oosoola Park that aren't leaving the docks when boats are landing. While it is unnecessary to create new rules, we do have a new float system that will better serve boaters. The existing Shoremaster will be moved to the side for fishermen. We also had signed intended for the boat launch that are covered under the Keep Maine Healthy Initiative.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Lynch Landscaping has begun weed spraying downtown curbs and cracks. They are also under contract to spray the old landfill for ticks and weed spraying the baseball fields. The contract amount remains unchanged from previous year (\$4,215).

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 Election- Town Office Closed	15 6PM Selectmen	16	17	18
19	20	21 5PM TIF Mtg	22	23 4PM Library Mtg	24	25
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