

MANAGER'S REPORT

October 29, 2015

Elections! – A reminder that Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd and the polls will be open in Bucksport from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Jewett School Gymnasium.

Leaf Pick Up Day – Public Works will be picking up bagged leaves on November 16th starting at 7 a.m. in the compact area of the community which is served by water and sewer. Only bagged leaves will be picked up.

Yellow Schoolhouse – I have asked the Public Works Director to contact local contractors to see if any are interested in the work that was advertised for the Yellow Schoolhouse for which we received no bidders. I am in hopes to have information on this by the November 12th meeting.

Community & Economic Development Director – I plan to have a recommendation to the Council for the November 12th meeting for this position.

Dog Licenses – 2016 Dog Licenses are available at the Town Office. A reminder that there is a \$25 late fee for any dog not licensed by January 31st!

Sudden & Severe Petition – Assessor Jef Fitzgerald asked Maine Revenue Services for an update on the application that the Town had submitted approximately a month ago. According to State Revenue Services we should get a response with preliminary findings by early December.

Orland & Verona – In the past two weeks I have met with the Selectmen from both Orland and Verona to update them on the treatment plant construction and their costs for debt service on the plant. It has been several years since they have had information from us and both communities were happy to have a discussion. Bill & Mandy Olver from our engineering firm for the plant went also and I think both meetings were very productive.

Marina – The Marina is closed for the season and the floats have been removed from both that and the Town docks.

The ADA and Local Buildings – I have received two emails in the past few days from the Senior Resource group inquiring whether the Town has the ability to force businesses to become ADA compliant.

Video Streaming – Cable Channel 7. I have spoken with our IT person about the possibility of video streaming local Cable Channel 7 so that people who are not served by cable but who have internet could still watch Council meetings and anything else that was broadcast on the channel. It is possible to do so via UStream at no cost to the community. He will be exploring that possibility for us.

Thank you – I want to thank Chris Johnson for his volunteer work with the Town. His assistance in the Clerk's office as well as in providing information for the Heart & Soul Program, as well as assisting with committee meeting minutes and cable channel stuff when our IT person is not available has been very valuable.

Chamber of Commerce Building Roof – The back of the Chamber of Commerce building roof lost a number of shingles today in the wind and the result is further leaks in the roof. This item will also be on the Infrastructure Committee meeting that has been requested.