

MANAGER'S REPORT
September 29, 2016

Zero-Sort Recycling – The Public Works Director and I met with a representative of Zero Sort Recycling on September 28th to determine what the Town would need to do in order to be able to move forward with such a program. He will be providing an outline of equipment necessary and suggestions for organization of the site that will be used as part of the RFP that we will distribute.

LEADER Program Review – The representative from the Maine Municipal Association LEADER program came on 9/28/16 for the annual inspection of town facilities and policies and training/safety records. Attainment and ongoing maintenance of the LEADER certification with Maine Municipal Association saves the Town nearly \$5,000 a year in premium costs.

SHAPE Program Review – Representative from the Department of Labor inspected Town operations on August 30th and 31st as part of the process of attaining SHAPE designation. That designation allows the Town to avoid the surprise inspection by the Department of Labor every five years with the potential for fines and penalties. Instead, the Town becomes certified by showing that operations consistently meet the standards necessary.

Efficiency Maine Program – I attended a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce with representatives from area communities in regard to a program being offered that allows persons who meet certain qualifications to receive \$1,000 worth of energy improvements such as installation of LED bulbs, sealing windows and doors, wrapping pipes, etc. for a \$50 payment. The local CARE program has donated \$500 to act as the \$50 deposit for 10 sites in their service area. Persons who own their home and receive heating assistance, or have a combined home/land valuation of less than \$80,0000, who have received General Assistance, or live in a mobile home are eligible for the program. There is a substantial amount of money available in this program. For more information, call me at the Town Office or Leslie Wombacher at the Chamber of Commerce.

Roadside Shoulders – We received a list from the local postal carriers of sections of Town roads that need shoulder work done to make mail delivery and overall vehicle operation safer. The lists also contained sections of State Roads. We are notifying the State in writing of the areas identified on their roads and Jay will be working to address the issues with shoulders that were identified on the Town's roads.

Concrete Sidewalk Project – The contractor will begin work on the project to replace many sections of the downtown sidewalks on Monday, October 3rd. The contractor estimates that he will begin pouring concrete by Wednesday, October 5th. The steps to replace those in front of the stained glass shop between the street and the sidewalk have been ordered but are special order and may take some time to arrive.

Broadband Planning Grant Application – I will be submitting an application for a Broadband Planning Grant to Eastern Maine Development Foundation this week and am in hopes that we get funded in order to assist with the cost of this important project. Broadband access is key to the location of residents and businesses as we move forward.