

MANAGER'S' REPORT  
May 26, 2016

Video Streaming – I am pleased to report that the Town of Bucksport is now video streaming Cable Channel 7 on the internet so that anyone with internet access can view the channel. We are in the process of also making it possible for people to view prior council meetings through townhallsteams.com This program will make it possible for many more Bucksport residents – as well as others interested in what is happening in town – to have access to information.

Main Street – The hanging flowers and flags have been put up on Main Street, and the planters have all been filled for the season and look beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped with that project – and to the Town Office Staff members for spending time after work on Monday night to plant the flowers in the planters.

Heart & Soul Receives Grant! – I am pleased to notify you that the Heart & Soul program has received a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation to continue its work in 2016. The program also received a \$15,000 grant from the Foundation in 2015. Thanks to the Community Foundation for recognizing and supporting the important work of Heart & Soul – and to the Heart & Soul group for their work is seeking outside funding to assist.

Main Street Bucksport Receives Grant! – I am also pleased to notify you that the Main Street Bucksport group has received a \$4,500 grant from the Maine Community Foundation in support of their work for the 2016 year.

Safety Enhancement Grant – The Police Department has received a Safety Enhancement Grant from Maine Municipal Association in the amount of \$1,560 for vehicle safety prisoner containment. This grant pays for 2/3 of the cost of the equipment and the balance is taken from the current operating budget. The Department has been exceptional over time in obtaining equipment through grant funding of major portions of the expense.

Reminder – June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – A reminder of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting here at 5 p.m. to discuss the future of the waterfront in Bucksport. This discussion includes all aspects including but not limited to the marina, town docks, and associated other waterfront uses.