

## MANAGER'S REPORT

November 10, 2016

Visit from Senator King – The Mayor, Economic Development Director and I attended a meeting with Senator Angus King this past week that was a discussion of what Bucksport is working on in terms of its economic future as well as a tour of the AIM site that is being deconstructed. The Senator indicated his willingness to assist in any way possible as the community moves forward.

Election Work – A huge thank you to Town Clerk Kathy Downs and her crew of election workers for a well-run election. The work on the election started months ago for Kathy and she has – as always – done an amazing job of bringing it all together. It is a testament to her organizational abilities and her willingness to go the extra mile that all the appropriate I's were dotted and t's were crossed to insure not only that the Town was in compliance with all regulations – but that the voting residents of Bucksport had ample opportunity to cast their ballots both at the polls and as part of the absentee process.

Veteran's Day Event – I had the pleasure of attending a Veteran's day presentation at the Jewett School today where the children were given some background information on Veteran's Day, did the Pledge of Allegiance, watched a flag-folding demonstration and had the opportunity to meet a number of veterans as well as four individuals who are currently serving in the military. It was a heart-warming experience. I encourage everyone to take a minute and thank any member of the military – current or not – that they encounter not just on Veteran's Day, but year round.

Channel 7 – I did an interview with Channel 7 on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. They had called for an update on how the Town was doing almost two years out from when the mill closed.

Sewer Construction Meeting – I attended the monthly sewer plant construction meeting on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to report that construction continues to go well. I am also pleased to note that the project budget is in good shape. \$200,000 had been budgeted for interest on the temporary financing note and the actual final expenditure for that interest will be \$30,543. The balance of that line item is transferred to the contingency account which can be used for additional work which is needed for the sewer system. Including that balance, at this point there is nearly half a million dollars that may be available for the interceptor sewer line behind Hannafords. Our engineer is putting together a cost estimate for that project. If that number holds, I will be asking the Council to consider going out to bid this winter for a Spring project to replace that interceptor line.

Update Report – The Bangor Daily News did an article following the Senator King visit that talked a bit about what was happening in Bucksport. I made the mistake of reading it online – and reading the comments that followed the article. There were a number that were highly critical and dismissive comments about what the community is doing because obviously the article itself only touched on a few topics. In an effort provide a more comprehensive update for people, I am doing an Op Ed piece that I plan on submitting so that people can understand just how much the people of this community are doing for the future of this community.