

MANAGER'S REPORT
October 12, 2017

Historical Society – The Historical Society got a grant to assist in redoing the roof of their building. Unfortunately they ran into some additional expenses related to the need for re-sheathing part of the building which has increased the cost. They are asking for assistance from the town to offset some of the additional cost. I am asking for a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the request prior to the next Council meeting.

Senior Resource Group Meeting – I met with some representatives of the Senior Resource Group to discuss the status of a number of initiatives that they support here in the community. Some of the items, such as automatic openers for the Municipal Building entrance, handrails at the Gazebo on the waterfront, consideration of road striping on local roads beyond the core, encouraging businesses to participate in the accessibility grant program, and a housing committee are in various stages of progress. Other items such as increasing public transportation, signage for public transportation, and the location of seasonal benches in the downtown area are under discussion as well. I want to thank this active and involved group for the work that they do on behalf of improving the community for not only seniors – but for everyone.

Transforming the Region Conference – I have been asked to participate in a panel discussion at the Transforming the Region conference sponsored by Eastern Maine Development Corporation on Monday, October 16th. I will be speaking at a session on mill redevelopment that features Bucksport and Millinocket. I would like to thank Bucksport resident Scott Bohlen for the drone footage that he did of the mill and the town that he is allowing me to use, as well as Heart & Soul for their video, and Chris Grindle for some great still shots. Bucksport has much to be proud of and I am honored to be able to speak about the efforts of this community and its residents.

Freshman Class Clean Up – A big thank you to the members of the Freshman class, their advisors and Rich Rotella who spent Wednesday morning helping to beautify the walkway and Googins Park by raking leaves and picking up apples and cleaning the fence. I had the opportunity when they finished to thank them for their work, and they were featured on the news on Wednesday night also – but I think it is important to make sure that you all know what great work they did too. It is wonderful to get our young people involved in caring for their community.

Marina – As I noted in my last Manager's Report, the Marina season ends on Monday, October 15th. Congratulations to the staff for another great season. The marina floats as well as the Town Dock and fishing dock floats are scheduled to be removed on October 23-24th.

Ghostport Festivities – A reminder to all that Ghostport festivities will be held October 21-22nd. I encourage everyone to come down and participate in the variety of activities planned.

Backhoe Bids – The Town advertised the old backhoe for sale. Three bids were received. High bidder was William E. Reed of Bath, ME for \$26,600.00. We recommend approval of sale to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the sale go to Highway Equipment Reserve.

EPA Grant Open House – A reminder of the EPA grant open house at the Heart & Soul building on Tuesday, October 17th from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Staff from the ELAN consulting group will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.