

MANAGER'S REPORT
May 11, 2017

Repairs to Bucksport/Verona Bridge – There will be a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd at the Town Office with the Maine Department of Transportation to discuss plans for improvements to the Dr. Ed Thegen Memorial Bridge between Bucksport and Verona. The public is encouraged to attend and share their views/concerns and to ask questions.

Main Street Bucksport & Bucksport Heart & Soul Downtown Cleanup – These two organizations are coordinating a downtown cleanup on Tuesday, May 23rd starting at 9 a.m. Interested participants should meet at the Heart & Soul building. All supplies including gloves and trash bags will be provided. The Bucksport Garden Club will be working at the library at the same time so the whole downtown should look pretty wonderful by the end of the day!

LED Information – I will have information on the cost of fixtures/retrofits for led lighting at the Town Office, Public Safety building, and the Waterfront within the next month. I am in hopes that we can develop a plan to install these in all of our facilities within the next year or so.

Update – Sewer line behind Hannaford – Within the next thirty days we will be having the sewer line from behind Hannaford to the treatment facility cameraed and cleaned. The purpose is to see if there is a break or partial blockage of that pipe that occasionally creates backups. The cleaning will remove any blockage or sediment and we are in hope that that solves the problem. If it does, the remaining contingency funds from the wastewater treatment plant project could be used for solar panels at the site to reduce the electric costs of the new plant.

Bucksport Recognition at the State House – On Tuesday, May 16th a number of groups from the school as well as representatives from the local groups working on redevelopment will be in Augusta at the State House to be recognized for their efforts. It is another opportunity for us to share Bucksport's story with people from all over the state of Maine. This community has much to be proud of and can be of help to other communities as they work to set a path for the future.

Pool Repairs – Repairs to the pool including fixing the drain issue that has been identified, checking the water lines feeding the pool, sealing the pool, etc. will be completed in time for the pool opening in June.

YMCA Start up – Nick Tomosczo started as the Y Director in Bucksport on May 5th and is moving full speed ahead on summer programming. A summer camp program has already been released.

Marina Back in Operation – The Marina officially opens on Monday, May 15th but is already all set up for operation. We have received a number of applications for the Marina Manager position which closes on May 11th and I will be setting up interviews for next week. Current manager Bill Chandler will continue for the season and work with whoever is hired to transition the operation.

EPA Grant – I will be participating in interviews for the consultant to work on the EPA grant project on May 30th. I look forward to getting a consultant on board to begin the work contemplated by the grant.

Wilson Hall RFP – The Wilson Hall RFP for roof and windows has been released. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 7th.