

MANAGER'S REPORT
August 10, 2017

EPA GRANT – Mill Site – ELAN consulting will be in Bucksport August 15-17 to begin work on the area wide planning grant that was awarded through Eastern Maine Development Corporation. They will be setting up some preliminary interviews and the steering committee for the grant will be meeting for the purpose of developing a time line and schedule for public meetings, setting up social media (website, Facebook, etc.), and going over the overall schedule for the project. Following this visit, information will be made available to the public for all upcoming meetings, where to locate social media information, and more. One of the main reasons ELAN was selected – in addition to their good track record in these types of plans – was the extensive public input and outreach that was part of their proposal. While this is a privately owned site, the plan needs to fit into the overall community as well.

Sewer Treatment Plant – Final Completion for the Sewer Treatment Plant is Scheduled to be the third week in September. We are planning an open house on Friday afternoon, September 25th. That is the date of the last construction meeting in the morning and APEX, Olver, Rural Development will all have representatives there. We will be inviting our neighboring partner communities of Orland and Verona as well as the public. The line from Hannaford was cameraed and cleaned this week. Unfortunately, there was not a substantial amount of sediment in the lines which could have been contributing to the flow issues at times of high flow. We should have the complete report back within a couple of weeks and our engineers will be reviewing it to see what, if anything needs to be done.

Arts Festival – August 12th – I encourage everyone to visit the Arts Festival this Saturday on the waterfront. It is sure to be a wonderful event and should bring many visitors to the community.

Bucksport Historical Society Sixth Historic House Tour – This is being held from 1-4 on Saturday, August 12th. The ticket price is \$25 and tickets can be obtained at Bookstacks. Details are available at the Facebook page for the Bucksport Historical Society. It is a self-guided tour and comes with a map locating the homes involved.

Ellsworth American Article about Bucksport Y Activities – An excellent article appeared in the Ellsworth American this week about the current and future programming being done by the YMCA as part of their contract with the Town of Bucksport to provide recreational opportunities for our residents. I am pleased that the Y is taking a proactive approach on offerings for our residents – the tradition of offering a variety of programming done by former Bucksport Recreation Director Tim Emery is being carried on and expanded – which is great for people of all ages in the community.