

MANAGER'S REPORT
September 14, 2017

Chief Geagan Installation – Congratulations to Chief Sean Geagan for being installed as the new President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. It was a great ceremony and Chief Geagan gave an inspiring address to those in attendance in regard to the work done by police agencies in the State.

Benefit Dinner – I encourage everyone to attend the benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction at the High School on Saturday night from 5 – 7 to benefit Rich and Jenn Rotella and their family. They have been battling serious illness and this is a great way to show support for them – and have a great evening with other caring residents and visitors.

Yankee Magazine – Mel Allen from Yankee Magazine has been here this week interviewing a wide variety of people for a major story on Bucksport that is slated to be printed in the Spring of 2018. We are so fortunate to have been selected for this honor.

Eco-Friendly Bucksport – Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella was interviewed on Channel 5 yesterday in regard to the new electric car charging station, the changes in lighting on the waterfront, the council's decision to change the Town Office and Public Safety Building to LED bulbs – and the solar project that will be installed on the Town Garage roof. It was a good story and one more positive recognition of what Bucksport is doing to position itself well for the future. The waterfront lights have been updated including the night sky fixtures and the Town Office LED project will start next week. Once that is done, the Public Safety building will be done.

Bucksport EDAT Meeting follow up – I attended a meeting on Tuesday afternoon with representatives of Heart & Soul and Main Street Bucksport and the Comprehensive Plan and others that was organized by the Maine Development Foundation as a follow-up to the EDAT meeting that was held here a year ago. Those in attendance did a good job of sharing information with MDF and I received a follow up email from the meeting facilitator about how impressed he continues to be with the energy, enthusiasm and work being done in this community.

EPA GRANT OPEN HOUSE MEETING – The first public open house meeting for the EPA grant for the redevelopment of the AIM property is going to be held on Tuesday, October 17th from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. The location is being finalized and informational flyers will be posted soon. The Facebook Page for the project can be found at ADAPT Bucksport, and the web page is also active at adaptbucksport.com. It will be linked to the Town website as well as to the websites of other community groups.