

MANAGER'S REPORT  
April 27, 2017

Maine Resource Recovery Association Meeting – I was a presenter at the annual MRRRA conference in Rockport on Tuesday of this week in regard to financing options for towns in terms of solid waste and recycling. I was asked a number of questions about Bucksport's current program and it was an opportunity to share our success with others.

Trails – The public works crew has begun work on sprucing up some of the town's trail systems this past week. The recent rains have caused some muddy areas but these should dry up soon if we ever get warmer weather that sticks around for a while.

Lighthouse Art Studio – I attended the opening on Saturday evening of the Lighthouse Arts Studio. What a great addition to the community! Thanks to Kathryn James for choosing Bucksport to locate this wonderful multi-function space – and for the care and planning that she took to make it as aesthetically pleasing as it is functional.

Senior Center - The Senior Center celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> year of providing meals at the center last Friday. While I was too late to get lunch – I did stop by to visit with people at the event. As of that event, the program had served over 46,900 meals since its beginning. Wow. What a great track record that is for this program and the partnership that we have with RSU 25 to provide the meals. The biggest winners are the seniors and others who have taken advantage of not only the nutritious meals provided at a very low cost – but the socialization opportunities at the Senior Center as well.

Oak Hill Cemetery – We have had complaints about people walking their dogs in Oak Hill Cemetery and not cleaning up after them. We have posted a sign reminding people to clean up after their pets similar to those posted on the walkway.

Gardner Commons Annual Meeting – I attended the Gardner Commons annual meeting today. I am happy to report that they are at full occupancy, but they have a 6-8 person waiting list for space as well. Their residents had expressed interest in a bench outside of the facility for them to sit on while waiting for the bus and I told the Board about the Town's accessibility assistance program. They are going to look into putting a bench outside for that purpose and will be contacting Rich Rotella about the grant.

Upper Long Pond – Discontinued Road – We have had reports that the discontinued portion of Upper Long Pond Road has been damaged by heavy equipment. Our Public Works Director checked out the area and found that beyond the sludge areas that the right of way has sustained significant damage. Although only a public right of way exists – it is still a Class E crime to damage a public easement. There was some effort to repair the damages but the result is still an impassable right of way. We are working to track down whoever did the damage and will get the damages repaired.

Robotics Team – At the time of this report Bucksport 6329 – the RSU 25 Robotics team is in St. Louis competing in the global competition. We wish them success.