

MANAGER'S REPORT  
April 26, 2018

Heart & Soul Summit – I had the pleasure of participating in the Heart & Soul Summit and Volunteer event on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the High School. It was a great event with 16 different local organizations represented with tables and information. A nice supper was prepared by Glenn Redman at the school cafeteria for those who attended. I had the opportunity to talk with a number of people who were interested in what the Town is doing and how the 82 ideas identified through Heart & Soul would be moved forward. A huge thank you to Nancy Minott and the core group of Heart & Soul volunteers who have worked so hard on this project for the past several years. We look forward to the implementation of many of the ideas that have emerged from this process – and to keeping a focus on the values that have been identified as being most important to the people of the community.

Conflict of Interest Question – At a recent Council meeting the question was raised as to whether the Town donating funds to Main Street Bucksport created an employee relationship that would cause a violation of the Town Charter for Councilor Eastman and his wife who is the Executive Director of Main Street Bucksport. I referred the question to the Maine Municipal Association legal department and their response was that donating to a 501 c(3) does not make employee(s) of that entity a town employee so no conflict existed. They did say that Councilor Eastman could not vote on the funding of that group.

Marina – The Town Dock floats and the Marina floats will be going in the water on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Marina opens on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chamber Relocation – We wish the Chamber of Commerce the best as they move into their new ‘home’ right next door to the old Chamber location. The VFW has graciously worked out an arrangement with the Chamber to allow them to use the building adjacent to 52 Main Street.

Test Run – Road Edger – If you want an idea what the road edger is capable of doing – take a look at the road beyond the transfer station. The crew completed half a mile of road in less than two hours – and that was while they were still learning to use it. I will be putting a resolve on the next Council agenda to purchase this machine from the Town of Cumberland.

Year 1 Anniversary – I want to recognize the first anniversary for the Lighthouse Arts Studio. They are having a celebration for it on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.