

MANAGER'S REPORT
January 11, 2018

Sergeant David Winchester – Congratulations to Sgt. David Winchester of the Bucksport Police Department. He has been selected to receive a bravery/lifesaving award from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association for his efforts in rescuing people at a fire scene last year. He will be receiving the award at a gathering in Portland later in the month and once that has occurred we will have a formal recognition here at a Council meeting. It is notable that these awards have gone to members of the Bucksport Fire and Police Departments for the past three years.

Budget – It is getting near Budget season again and to help with that process, I would like to schedule an extra meeting with the Council to do goal-setting for the coming year. Since the budget is due to the Council by the 12th of March – the sooner this meeting could happen – the better. Would Thursday, February 1st work? I have found in the past that these sessions are very helpful in setting priorities, and in developing benchmarks that can be reviewed for timely completion.

Dog Licenses – Another reminder that Dog Licenses for 2018 must be obtained by January 31, 2018 in order to avoid a \$25 state-imposed fine.

Sewer Bills – Sewer bills for the last quarter of 2017 are going out this week.

Water Charge Increase – The Town was notified this week of an increase in the Water Infrastructure Charge billed by Maine Water to Bucksport customers which equals a 9.1% increase in each bill as of 1/1/18. That charge will increase to 11.6% of the bill on 1/1/19.

Martin Luther King Day – The Town Office and Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Website Update – The committee looking at updating the Town website met today and is making progress design and functionality improvements. It is also working to insure that the website meets ADA accessibility requirements.

Park Street – We met today with the owner of the Park Street development to talk about the extension of Park Street to the Broadway extension that was planned back in 2012. We should have information ready for consideration as part of this year's capital budget to move that project forward.