

MANAGER'S REPORT
November 8, 2018

Show You Care Program – On Monday, November 12th I will be flying to Charlotte, North Carolina to participate as a speaker in the 'Innovation Showcase' at the AARP Livable Communities Conference. The Show You Care program, which is a collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Bucksport, and the Senior Resource Committee of the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition was selected as one of 8 programs across the Country to be presented as part of a session at the conference. Trip expenses are paid by AARP. I am honored to go and represent the program as a way of bringing further positive attention to the good work being done in this community.

ADAPT Plan Presentation – The ADAPT final plan was presented last night at the Performing Arts Center by the Town, Elan Consulting, the EPA, and Eastern Maine Development Corporation. The entire plan can be found on the Town website as well as on the ADAPT website. This work is important for this community. The work done on this plan incorporates not only the former mill site, but also connects that development to the rest of the community. The plan will provide necessary planning documentation for applications for grants to do the work outlined in the plan. Granting agencies will not fund projects in which there has been no significant planning prior to the application. The diversity of this plan and the numerous development opportunities that it discusses will position the community well as we move forward with implementation. Many thanks to everyone who worked on the plan and its development.

MRC/Fiberight/Recyclables – The most recent meeting of the MRC Board of directors resulted in a timeline for completion of the Fiberight facility in Hampden. That timeline includes the installation of the MRF component of the facility and acceptance of waste:

- October 2018 Install MRF equipment complete (>\$11,000,000)
- November 2018 Public acceptance of road and utilities
- January 2019 Commission MRF; take first recyclables and MSW
- February 2019 Install facility back end (wash, pulp, and anaerobic digestion systems)
- April 2019 Commission full facility; ramp up capacity
- Second Qtr. 2019 Take MSW and recyclables at full capacity.

Despite the fact that the Fiberight facility is not yet online and the Town is transporting its waste to EMR in SW Harbor for eventual disposal at Norridgewock, the Town is being reimbursed for the additional haul time as compared to a trip to Hampden so that we are not paying more than our contract with Fiberight defines.

In addition, while many other communities have stopped recycling and are disposing of all of the waste as solid waste to and although the cost of continuing to do recycling has increased dramatically due to the loss of overseas markets, I am not at this time recommending that Bucksport stop its recycling efforts. As shown on a recent Channel 7 series, when it comes online, the facility in Hampden will provide a more comprehensive way to utilize and process recyclables. In the meantime, we have

educated our residents as to the importance of waste separation and installed zero sort to make that easier. I do not think it is in the best interest of the community to go backward.

Damage – The windstorm of this past weekend badly damaged the Town Office sign and also caused damage to the gangway for the Town Dock. We have ordered a new sign from Banner City for the Town Office and Marina Manager/Harbormaster Mike Ormsby will be making repairs to the gangway.

Elections – I would like to congratulate Town Clerk Kathy Downes and her crew for the exceptional election that they ran on Tuesday. I have had a number of people stop by to compliment Kathy and her workers and I want to echo those compliments.