

MANAGER'S REPORT

Solar Energy project – The Town has submitted a letter to Rural Development outlining plans for expenditure of the remaining contingency funds from the Sewer Treatment Plant project. The plan includes the purchase of two replacement pumps for the pump station near Hannaford as well as installation of a solar array at the site. Estimates are that the solar field could defray over \$20,000 annually from the electric bill for the plant.

ADAPT Open House – Thanks to all who took the time to attend the ADAPT open house at the former Heart & Soul (Rosen's) building on June 6th. The consultants received a lot of good feedback on the information presented and will be working on the final plan over the summer.

Wednesday's on Main – If you missed the puppeteers last night at the first Wednesday on Main of the season – the Alamo is the site of the second Wednesday event on June 20th with a discussion with Maine State Prison Warden Randall Liberty. Sure to be an interesting event – and a great time to explore the local dining options – always capped off with an ice cream from the Dairy Port!

Grant Opportunities – I will be attending a meeting with Main Street Bucksport representatives and others this coming Friday to discuss a grant opportunity that exists called Creative Communities = Economic Development sponsored by the Maine Arts Commission. Given the growing arts community in Bucksport – this may be a great opportunity.

Graduation – Congratulations to the RSU graduates on completing their high school careers and we wish them all well as they move forward to the next phase of their lives. Whether it be school or work or some combination of both – we hope that they find a reason to stay connected to Bucksport. The Town will continue to work to attract business and employment opportunities that can provide a good reason for them to look close to home when making their life plans.

Thank you – We received a letter from Jack Corrigan of Bucksport who wrote a note of gratitude to recognize department members Mike Denning and Kevin Stevens for the care that they provided for his wife in an emergency situation. The closing line of his letter sums it up well "The Bucksport Fire & Rescue team are the best by virtue of their demonstrated daily acts of service'.

Pool opening – The Pool opening is now scheduled for 6/25. The solution to the leaks appears to be a combination of items and those are being rectified over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Y personnel and local contractor Bobby Wardwell for working hard to get this facility ready for the coming season.