

MANAGER'S REPORT
September 6, 2018

Positive Media Attention. I am happy to report the Bucksport continues to get great positive coverage from our local Enterprise and neighboring Ellsworth American – and that we also continue on a weekly basis to be featured in other media – the Bangor Daily News, Maine Biz, television stations, the Wall Street Journal, Yankee Magazine, the Island Journal, the Republican Journal – and more. There has been rarely a week in the 3 years that I have been here that something positive has not been featured about Bucksport in some media format. The people of this community are to be credited for their resilient spirit, their belief in the future of their community – and their willingness to work for that future.

Vacation – I took last week as vacation and unfortunately on our second day my husband injured his knee. He is now on crutches and it appears that the next several months will include surgery and recovery. As a result I will not be attending the meeting in Washington DC or PA that I was scheduled to attend next week for the Local Government Advisory for the EPA or the Champions gathering for Heart & Soul. I will be in the office all week. Thanks to everyone for their good wishes on his recovery.

Tax Collection – Thanks to the front office staff for their good work in collecting taxes. First half of 2019 property taxes were due as of 8/31/19 and I am pleased to report that we have collected 47.59% of the commitment through 9/5/18. That is excellent.

Difficult Foreclosed Properties – In addition to selling the two small lots on tonight's agenda that have been in foreclosure for many years, I am pleased to let the Council know that I will be bringing forward in the next month offers on three other parcels that have access and legal issues for sale to abutters as well.

Dock Project – The Town Dock repair project approved by the Council has received its permits and is ready to begin at the end of September. It is estimated to take 2-3 weeks.

Diesel/Gas Project – The addition of diesel to the Marina fuel selection along with new pumps has been submitted the Maine DOT Ship grant program and at this time they plan to include it with their 2019 work plan.