

MANAGER REPORT
November 29, 2018

AARP Conference – The North Carolina trip was time well spent. The panel that I participated had 8 presenters. The other 7 were Dallas, Sioux City, Boston, Seattle, Albuquerque, Fort Worth, Charlotte – and Bucksport, Maine. Over 550 participants were at the conference from all over the country. I also had the opportunity to have dinner with the AARP VP who developed the livable community project, and was invited to participate in a rural community focus group put on by the LOR Foundation.

Solar Project – Sewer Treatment Plant- I signed the contracts for the solar array at the Treatment Plant on Wednesday. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 31, 2019. Thanks to the sewer treatment plant contractor, Apex, and to Olver Associates for managing the project so well that we had sufficient contingency funds remaining in the grant to make this solar project a reality.

Parade of Lights – December 8th 5 p.m. – A reminder that the parade of lights is going to be held on December 8th at 5 p.m. The parade starts at the former mill parking lot and comes up Main Street to the Town Office. There is still time to participate if you wish to enter a float!

Maine Maritime – I am pleased to notify you that President Brennan from Maine Maritime Academy will be in attendance at the 12-13-18 Council meeting to discuss their project at the former mill site.

Wilson Hall – The December 13th Council agenda will contain a Public Hearing on the future of Wilson Hall. In order to provide people sufficient notice and opportunity to comment – it is advertised in both this week and next week's Enterprise and will be on our Facebook page as well.

Truck Weight Limits on local Roads – This item will be discussed at a meeting of the Regulatory Review Committee at 6 p.m. on December 13th. This item is also being advertised for the next two weeks in order to allow for sufficient public notice of the meeting – and will be on our Facebook page too.

Christmas Eve – Christmas is on Tuesday this year. Is there any objection if I close the office early that day?

GPMCT Idea – I met with representatives of the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust about an idea for a collaboration with the Trust, the Town and RSU 25 for an 'outdoor classroom' type project. They will be bringing it to Committee when they have more information and a more defined plan.

Whole Oceans – Rich Rotella and I had the opportunity to sit in on some meetings today with Whole Oceans and some of those who submitted questions or comments on their wastewater discharge permit. I continue to be impressed with the open and transparent manner in which this company continues to work on the project. We have been invited to participate in additional meetings with other commenters as well.