

MANAGER'S REPORT
May 31, 2018

Marina & Docks – I am happy to report that the marina and town docks and floats are all in and hooked up! Seasonal boaters are returning to the marina and Mike anticipates a busy season ahead on the waterfront. The Town has submitted a grant application to the Small Harbor Improvement Program for the replacement of the antiquated gas-only system at the marina with a gas & diesel system. A large percentage of transient boaters use diesel and at the present time we do not have a way to supply that on an ongoing basis. The town dock repair project is also going out to bid and the results will be returned for council consideration at your meeting on July 12th. That project will be paid for from Waterfront reserve.

Broadband Grant Application – Our application to ConnectME for a grant to help with the project on Bucksmills & Millvale was not successful. They funded two projects with the \$475,000 that was available. Rich has been having conversations with Spectrum and is waiting to see if they would be willing to pick up a larger share of the work.

ADAPT Meeting – A reminder to all that the second public meeting for the EPA area wide planning grant is being held at the former Heart & Soul Building (Rosen's) on June 6th from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. The format will be the same as the last one with stations for people to visit and make comments on.

RSU Budget – The RSU 25 Budget passed on May 30th. The validation vote on that budget will be held on Tuesday, June 12th along with the State Primary elections.

Wednesdays on Main – Another reminder that summer is about to get into full swing – the first program from Wednesday's on Main is set to happen on June 13th with the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers at the Alamo!

Memorial Day Parade – Thanks to all who organized and participated in the Memorial Day parade this year. It was wonderful to see so many veterans in – and at – the parade as well as the school bands and the Shriners, in addition to the public safety vehicles from Bucksport as well as our partner communities.

Sewer Project – According to our engineer we have approximately \$475,000 left in the project grant funds. The engineers have determined that we do not need to replace the interceptor line from Hannaford to the plant. We are scheduling a meeting to discuss plans for use of these funds. Although there are some minor equipment items that can be funded – I am in hopes that this amount is sufficient to allow us to put solar panels on the treatment plant to help offset the cost of electricity. APEX, the contractor, is supposed to be on-site on June 1st to finish up the list of items that have not yet been done. In addition, there is still a fence and marker to be placed around the small cemetery that is directly adjacent to the building.

Solar Project – I spoke with Andrew Kahrl from Revision Energy today and it is anticipated that our solar project at the Town Garage will be underway later in late June. In addition – he is going to develop estimates for the possible installation of solar at the Sewer Treatment Plant. He indicated that the amount of money we have available should be more than sufficient for a substantial project at the treatment plant.

Pixie Harbor Hoopla – This year's event by the Chamber of Commerce will be held on June 10th on the waterfront from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Whole Oceans – The Whole Oceans project continues to move forward. They are completing the due diligence work associated with the purchase and sale agreement, have nearly completed all borings and site test work and sent that information to Denmark to be incorporated in the final design of the facility, and have filed their wastewater discharge permit application with the DEP. They have hired a general operations manager for the project and he starts on Monday, June 4th. They also hired Jennifer Fortier, formerly of Ellsworth, to assist the Director of Marketing & Corporate Development. AIM Development has submitted its subdivision application to divide the lot in order to sell the land to Whole Oceans. This is all very exciting news and reflects concrete steps to making this all a reality.

Municipal Review Committee – The MRC had a Board meeting today in Orono. From that we should get a document that would allow a town to haul to PERC in the interim if they were willing to pay a higher tipping fee than at Juniper Ridge and not be in violation of their contact with Fiberight. I will have that available for the June 14th meeting.