

MANAGER'S REPORT
May 23, 2019

Whole Oceans/AIM – As I am sure most have heard by now – the land sale between AIM and Whole Oceans was completed on Tuesday of this week. On Wednesday, Whole Oceans representatives, their contractor and engineers met with the Code Officer and other Town Staff to begin the local permitting process for their development. The initial meeting was productive and set the tone for what we believe will be a positive plan moving forward. It is significant that Whole Oceans chose to meet with Town Officials immediately after completion of the sale in order to insure that their plans are consistent with our local ordinances. In addition, Rich Rotella and I have a meeting with Whole Ocean's attorney on June 4th to discuss their TIF application that will be coming to the council.

What a Gift! – RSU 25 reported on Wednesday that they have been the recipient of a \$250,000 gift from Bucksport High School alumnus Shelby and Andy Silvernail. The funds will be used to implement a 3 year math coaching program to improve student math skills and a portion of it will also be used to add state of the art equipment to the industrial arts program. This generous gift is greatly appreciated by all. It is a testimony to the love they have for their 'home town' and the desire to improve the lives of the young people here. Thank you!

Public Reception – A public reception for former Fire Chief Craig Bowden will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Bucksport Middle School. Light refreshments will be served, and speakers & presentation of Bucksport Fire Department retirement gifts begins around 2:45 p.m.

Senior Resource Committee Meeting- I met with the members of the Senior Resource Committee on Wednesday. They have been working on completing the action plan that goes along with our designation as an AARP age and ability friendly community. We will be bringing that to the Council for approval once it has been reviewed by AARP at the state level. In addition, we discussed the need to find ways to better coordinate resources for those in our community who need help in staying in their own homes. The former Thriving in Place program filled that role for several years until funding ended. I will be convening the same group of agency 'partners' that were part of the original program to see if there are ways we can find to fill the gaps that have been created since the end of the program.

Fire Chief Applications – Applications for Fire Chief closed on Friday, May 17th. We had 26 applicants. Six are from Maine and 20 from outside of Maine. I will be setting up interviews after the Memorial Day weekend. There will be an interview panel involved including a full-time department member, a member of the call department, our Police Chief, a Fire Chief from another municipality, and me. My goal is to have a recommendation for you by the beginning of July at the latest.

Plastic Bag Ordinance – The Committee working on this project has asked for it to be put on a Regulatory Review Committee agenda on June 13th. They have submitted language that they want to be considered and our attorney has done a brief review of it to make sure that it is consistent with State law before coming to the Regulator Review Committee.

RSU25 District Budget Meeting – A reminder that the RSU 25 district budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bucksport Middle School Auditorium. All residents of the district are encouraged to attend.