

MANAGER'S REPORT  
March 28, 2019

Whole Oceans – I met with the CEO of Whole Oceans on Tuesday afternoon. The project continues to move forward with property transfer anticipated by May. As anticipated, the business will be requesting a TIF for the non-equipment portion of the project. That should be coming to the Council within the next two months.

Route 46 Contract – We will be putting the Route 46 Plowing contract out to bid shortly. Our current provider has indicated that he needs significant changes in the amount of the contract to do it another year. Since this is a material change in the contract, it is necessary for us to put it out to bid in order to be fair to all area contractors.

Larry Green Lawsuit – The Town has provided its response to Mr. Green's lawsuit seeking to overturn the agreement from last year and have asked the court to dismiss it. The Court is in the process of evaluating the claim and will make a determination on the Town's request for dismissal.

Fire Chief Process – I have met with the full time department members as well as many of the call department who attended a meeting held last week. Both entities have provided good information related to the needs of the department and related to what they see as needed from leadership. I will be placing an ad next week to being that search with a goal of having the position filled by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Council recognition of Chief Bowden's service to the community will be at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Open House – There will be an open house from 10-3 at the Town Office on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of retiring Clerk Kathy Downes. We will have light refreshments and invite people to come and say hi to Kathy. Council recognition of Kathy's service will be celebrated at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Infrastructure – I would like an infrastructure Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing painting bids for the interior of the Town Office. It has not been done since the building was built and it needs some attention.

Grant Meeting – I am meeting with Marina Manager/Harbormaster Mike Ormsby, Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella and MDOT representatives tomorrow to discuss moving the gas/diesel project at the marina forward.

Penobscot River Case – Mallincrodt vs NRDC – The engineering report was released some time ago with recommendations for dealing with mercury in sediment in areas of the Penobscot. I have a copy of that report and have read it. I have serious concerns over the proposed work to be done and its impact on Bucksport. I would like to include this discussion on an upcoming infrastructure committee meeting. This is a court case and there is no opportunity for input unless the Town wishes to be a fact-witness in the proceeding. I think it is important that some questions regarding spinoff impact be addressed as part of whatever solution is decided on by the Court. The deadline for

being listed as a fact-witness is April 19<sup>th</sup>. Unlike environmental cases that go through the DEP – because this is a court proceeding -there has been no opportunity for Bucksport to weigh in before now.