

MANAGER'S REPORT
April 11, 2019

Stop Work Order – A stop work order has been issued as a result of an Affidavit filed by Emeric Spooner for the solar array project at the treatment plant. Our engineers are seeking permission from Rural Development to fund a scan of the area in question where Mr. Spooner now believes that additional family members to those in the already-fenced in cemetery on the property may be located. We are doing our best to expedite this testing to resolve the issue.

Fire Chief Retirement – Chief Bowden's last day of service as the Fire Chief was on Tuesday, April 9th. A pizza lunch was held at the fire station and the police/fire/ems services gave him a parade home at the end of his workday. He will be attending the Council meeting on April 25th to be recognized by the Council.

MTI Grant – We learned this week that a company that intends to locate in Bucksport received a \$750,000 grant from the Maine Technology Institute to for further development of a heating fuel replacement from the forest products industry. The press release from the Maine Technology Institute says "The second \$750,000 award was made to Biofine Developments Northeast (BDNE). The funding will allow BDNE to carry out the commercial development of the first large scale bio-refinery deploying Biofine's technology in Bucksport, Maine. This plant will enable the conversion of woody biomass to the chemical intermediate, levulinic acid allowing economic production of a completely renewable heating oil substitute. Biofine will work with Treadwell Franklin-Sewall as development consultants and the University of Maine at Orono for technical operations." We will be meeting with the company in the near future to get more details of their plans.

AARP National Conference – I have been asked to speak at another AARP National Conference, this one is being held in Portland in June. The subject is our transportation program that utilizes a combination of a weekly bus with the addition of taxi service to expand opportunities for those who do not live on the 'bus route'. This program is supported by the Town but has been developed and fostered by the Senior Resource Committee of Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition.