

MANAGER'S REPORT
July 25, 2019

Special Edition of Wednesday on Main – A special and very powerful edition of Wednesday on Main was held this past Sunday at the Alamo. Moderated by Yankee Editor Mel Allen, this event featured readings by contributors to Still Mill – the book by our poet laureate Pat Ranzoni. It was truly an amazing afternoon. An audio and video recording of the event were made and I encourage those who missed it to take the time to watch or listen to it.

Heart & Soul – I had the pleasure of attending an event in Rockland today with representatives of the Bucksport Heart & Soul team along with Heart & Soul representatives from a number of other communities who have done or who are doing the program. We received a plaque congratulating us on the successful completion of the program portion of Heart & Soul. Bucksport is now in the implementation phase – and I am so proud of the great work done by the volunteers and the community. We are seen as a leader in the State for the local work done in Heart & Soul.

WERU – AARP & Bucksport – The radio show on WERU on July 17th discussing community efforts to make towns more accessible for people of all ages was a success. I was happy to represent the work that Bucksport has done – and continues to do – to create a truly age and ability friendly community.

Welcome Greenhead Lobster! – Greenhead Lobster had its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, July 19th. Their high-tech process makes them an industry leader and we are honored that they chose Bucksport for their facility.

Rock Tree – Miles Lane Trails – I have received a request to establish a 'rock tree' at a location on the Miles Lane trails. The purpose of it would be as a location to 'take a rock, leave a rock'. There is already a significant painted rock presence in Bucksport and this 'tree' would be a location for the pick up and drop off of painted rocks. I have attached the email request that includes photos. I asked the School Superintendent for input and he had no objection.

Bay Festival – The extreme heat this past Saturday and Sunday reduced attendance at the Bay Festival this year, resulting a shortfall in fundraising for the Chamber. They have asked for donations to make up the difference.

Outside Agency Funding Policy – There has been a request to further refine the Council policy for outside agency funding by adding a provision that would require requesting agencies to utilize local resources as much as possible in the work that they do and to identify that as part of the application. I will put this on the agenda for an Infrastructure and Property Committee meeting for August 11th.

Survey – The Town’s survey regarding Town Office hours will go out next week and will be posted on the Town’s website and Facebook page. The Enterprise has also put out a survey and we look forward to seeing those results as well.

Rescue – Thanks to Officer Eric Marcel and Harbormaster/Marina Manager Mike Ormsby for the water rescue of a swimmer this past Saturday near the Fort. The strong current made it impossible for the swimmer to get back to his boat and he was assisted by our Officer Marcel and Harbormaster/Marina Manager Ormsby.

SafetyWorks – We have received the results of our SafetyWorks inspection from the Department of Labor. Departments are working on responding to items identified by the deadline of July 31st.