

MANAGER'S REPORT
September 12, 2019

Fire Grant – I am pleased to report that the Town has been awarded \$139,374 for 19 Scott Air Packs for the Fire Department. Many thanks to former Chief Craig Bowden for preparing this grant application prior to his retirement.

Stack Demolition Event – I have had many requests from many people related to when the 'big stack' is coming down at the former mill site. I have had several conversations with AIM representatives about it. In order to provide an opportunity for people to witness the event, but from a safe location that allows a good view, we are working with representatives of Fort Knox to host an 'event' on the day that the stack is to come down. It is estimated that the stack demolition will occur in October, which is also fairly close to the five year anniversary of the closure of the mill. This could be a great opportunity to bring the community together, celebrate the history of the mill years, as well as provide closure as the community moves forward.

Whole Oceans Site Plan Review – Thanks to current CEO Luke Chiavelli, former CEO Jeff Hammond and the Planning Board for their work in reviewing the site plan application for Whole Oceans. Despite the fact that it was the first Planning Board meeting that he had staffed, Luke did a great job of presenting information on the review done by him and former CEO Jeff Hammond. The Planning Board members had done a thorough job of reviewing the application submitted and had good questions for the applicant. The organization of the application to mirror the requirements of the Town's ordinance was a big help as well. Whole Oceans is waiting for its Site Location of Development permit at this time and after that is received, can begin site work.

Candidate Forum – The Enterprise is working on a candidate forum to be held in mid-October, likely at the high school library, which has been the location in the past. With 9 candidates running for 3 council seats – the forum will be a great opportunity for people to learn about the candidates' views. The program will be recorded for rebroadcast on our local cable channel.

Heart & Soul Champions Event – I have been asked to attend an event for Heart & Soul Champions in Essex, Vermont from Thursday-Saturday, September 26-28th. This coincides with a Council meeting night. There is no cost to the community for my attendance at this event. I am requesting permission to miss the Council meeting on the 26th. At this point there are not pending items for that meeting, and the Council could just have one meeting in September. If the Council wishes to hold the meeting without me, I will insure that all information, packets, etc. are prepared and distributed as usual.

Assessor – I will be doing second interviews for the assessor position next week with the goal of a hire by the end of September.

Census – I met with a representative of the Census this week. Information will be going out to resident in March of 2020. This year it will be possible to participate in the census in four different ways – either by completion of a form that is sent to you, by going on-line and completing it, by a personal visit from a Census taker, or by telephone. The addition of phone and internet should help to improve participation. For Bucksport, it will provide a good opportunity to see how our population has changed since the last census was done in 2010.