

MANAGER REPORT
October 10, 2019

Riverview Cemetery – I have been notified by Mr. Foster that the Riverview Cemetery will be continuing its own ownership, care, and maintenance and is withdrawing its request that the Town consider taking over the cemetery. He indicated that a number of volunteers had stepped forward to take on the management of it and that there was a desire on the part of lot owners for the cemetery to stay under the ownership/direction of the association.

Remote Meeting Participation – In response to a question by Councilor Carmichael I researched the topic of remote participation at meetings. Although there have been efforts at the legislative level to allow remote participation at meetings of local elected/appointed officials, none of the legislation was successful and at this time according to Maine Municipal Association there is no clear legal authority for members of local boards, elected or appointed, to participate in meetings remotely by any means.

Special Planning Board Meeting – There will be a special Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, October 29th for a subdivision amendment for the AIM subdivision at the former mill site. The purpose of the amendment is to redraw the lines between lots 1 and 3 to facilitate the sale of the power plant lot and include connections all the way to the substation. The date of sale of the power plant has been set as November 1, 2019.

Stack Event – The date when the big stack is set to come down has been narrowed to a window from October 25th through the end of the month. As soon as I have a definite date and time we will arrange for an event at the Fort.

Heart & Soul Event – Vermont – I would like to thank the Town Council for the opportunity to attend the Heart & Soul Coaches/Champion gathering in Essex VT from 9/26- 9/28. It was a great event. Bucksport was well-represented with John Paul & Melissa Lalonde attending as well as Nancy Minott and Hans Krichels.

Candidate Forum – Many thanks to the Enterprise, RSU 25 and Reverend York for their efforts related to the Candidate Forum held earlier this week. A link to the video recording of the event is now posted on the front page of the Town's website at bucksportmaine.gov and on the Town of Bucksport Facebook page for anyone who wishes to get to know the candidates and their views better.

Maine Craft Weekend – Congratulations and thanks to the local businesses who participated in Maine Craft weekend this past weekend. Bucksport was featured in DownEast magazine as a participating community.

Calling all Volunteers – The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with the Ghostport activities on October 19th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Contact Alicia or Leslie at the Chamber if you can help.