

MANAGER'S REPORT
November 12, 2020

Parking Lot – The parking lot at the former Nason lot is nearly completed. Thanks to Wardwell Construction for getting the work done this fall. This will accomplish the goal of helping to address drainage issues for adjacent Main Street businesses as well as provide additional downtown parking.

Diesel at the Marina – I am happy to report that the installation of diesel tank at the marina has been completed. We will now be able to offer both gas and diesel to our boating guests in 2021.

2021 Construction Projects – We will be putting the downtown retaining wall project, the second year of the road project, which involves the RGP process on the Silverlake/Millvale Roads where the gas pipeline was installed, and the Bucksmills & Jacob Buck Pond Road culvert replacement projects out for bid after the beginning of the year. These are all significant projects and we want to get them out to bid early so that we can hopefully get some good bids. Other potential construction projects include the main floats for the marina as well as the fishing pier so it is shaping up to be a busy year ahead.

Public Safety – Our public safety department is working on having in-house testing capacity for COVID-19 for public safety employees. This would operate under very strict protocols and be limited to essential employees only, but it would insure that we could have very rapid testing response in the event of an exposure.

Animal Control Officer – Our new Animal Control Officer is Allison Corriveau-Moore and she can be contacted by calling dispatch at 469-7951. She has been our assistant for some time and the plan was that she would take over the position when the former ACO retired. That changed with the most recent events, but fortunately she has experience at the facility and was already taking the ACO course for certification.

November 3rd Election – A big thank you to Jacob and his elections crew for the awesome job they did at the election both leading up to and on the election day. There was a huge amount of effort required but it really went off without a hitch. And – thank you to the wonderful residents of Bucksport who voted, whether in person or via absentee. We had approximately 72% of registered voters cast their ballots.

Orland Request for Information – We received a request for information from Orland on what it might cost if they were to contract with Bucksport for Fire Protection instead of having their own call department as their primary fire protection source. I provided them with a ballpark only figure based on our contract with Verona Island. However, given the fact that Orland is four times bigger than Verona – I am unsure that we have the ability to take on responsibility for another 92 fire calls a year without additional staffing and equipment. Depending on Orland's reaction to the original ballpark figure – this subject may be back to the Council for further discussion.