

## MANAGER REPORT

June 4, 2020

Fiberright – Fiberright has been given a 30 day notice to cure default for failure to remain open to process waste effective last Thursday. The company has 30 days to rectify the situation. Solid waste from the 115 communities who contract with Fiberright will go to Juniper Ridge or Waste Management Landfills for the period of the 30 days. Bucksport also contracts for recyclable disposal through Fiberright but is not under a contractual obligation to take those to a specific alternative location during bypass and we are currently sending our recyclables to PERC. I spoke with the DEP about this situation and confirmed that waste bypass is now defined in statute as temporary-only and the State will not extend that. The State is working with the MRC and PERC, who is facing its own issues at this time. Bucksport is not paying a higher tipping fee than negotiated as part of its contract for MSW disposal during this bypass. The State and the MRC are optimistic that Coastal (Fiberright) will re-open.

Town Office – The town office re-opened for public access on May 18<sup>th</sup> and I am pleased to note that it has gone very smoothly. Residents have been wonderful in accommodating the public safety precautions we have had to include in our operations. The office has been very busy as many people are playing catch-up for vehicle registrations.

Meals Program – The meals delivery program delivered 1418 meals in the month of May as part of the Pay it Forward Program. That is up from the 992 that were delivered in April. The program was started as a 10 week program, which would end on June 12<sup>th</sup>. With the Senior Center not slated to open until after June 30<sup>th</sup>, I would like to talk to RSU 25 about continuing the program through the end of July if there are no objections. The Pay It Forward fund still has sufficient money in it to accomplish this. To date, of the \$175,000 total (\$115,000 town/\$60,000 Silvernail donation), we have expended \$119,191. Meal program costs for June and July would be approximately \$17,000 based on meal deliveries in May.

Whole Oceans – I am pleased to report that Whole Oceans will be opening an office on Main Street in the near future in the building next door to the Town Office. They have also been meeting with Code Enforcement about their plans and we hope to see progress on the site this season.

Spirit of America Award – It is that time again for the Council to name a recipient of the Spirit of America award for Bucksport. I would appreciate it if the Council – or any member of the public – submitted possible names for the award to me for consideration at the Council meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – Mayor Stewart asked me to check with Superintendent Boothby about the possibility of utilizing the Performing Arts Center for the June 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting since that will be the public hearing date for the 20-21 Budget. Superintendent Boothby indicated that the Town could utilize the space, but that the

total number of people in the space could not exceed 50. Further, based on state guidelines, if more than 50 people wanted to be there – the excess could not attend and be in the gym or any other room at the school.

Waterfront – The Marina is open and operating. The fishing dock is still not placed but is due to be installed next week. Public restrooms are open on the waterfront as well.

Bucks Bucks – Bucks Bucks are still available through Main Street Bucksport. This has been a very popular program and well supported by donations also.