

MANAGER'S REPORT
March 25, 2021

GIS Website – The new GIS website that was created this year as part of our online information upgrade is now up and running. There is a link to it on the front page of the Town website at bucksportmaine.gov

Holtra Chem Settlement – There is a proposed settlement between the NRDC and Holtra Chem/Mallinckrodt over the Penobscot River mercury case. That proposed settlement includes funding for projects in communities along the Penobscot. Our economic development director Rich Rotella and Marina Manager/Harbormaster Michael Ormsby have been working with the parties so that at least some of our town dock upgrade to year round with handicapped access is included in this funding. It still has to be approved by the judge in the case but it is acceptable to both parties so I am in hopes that it moves forward. We are well positioned to take advantage of this because our project has already been designed, engineered, and will have its required permits by June of this year – it is indeed 'shovel ready' when funding is located.

1861 State Route 46 – Fire and Police were called to 1861 State Route 46 this past weekend for a fire without a permit. When they arrived they discovered that the body of the horse that had died that Animal Welfare was not allowed to see when they took the other horses from the property was in the burn pile. The fire was extinguished and photos of the scene were provided to Animal Welfare. It is our understanding that the children that were there are no longer living there. The foreclosure eviction notice will go out next week.

Tax Due Date – A reminder that the second half of taxes for the 2020-2021 year are due by March 31st to avoid interest. As of yesterday, we have collected 89% of the total taxes committed for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Restrooms Open – The public restrooms near the Veteran's Memorial are open for the season. Those by the Town Dock will open mid-April once we are past the possibility of them freezing up.

Browntail Moth Infestation – We have been notified by the state that many areas in Bucksport have browntail moth infestations and local residents Nancy Minott and Hans Krichel were in today to discuss ways in which we can help make the public aware of this issue. In an effort to educate the public on the best ways to manage this, we will be posting information on the Town website and will be sending out a bulk mailing with information provided by the State of Maine.

