

MANAGER'S REPORT  
May 13, 2021

Senior Center Air Conditioning – The Senior Center is in need of improving its air conditioning for use in the summer months. There have been inside units used in the past but they have not performed well. Due to the size of the space, there would be the need for multiple window units, the noise from which would make it difficult to hear when activities are held there. The Town has a long-term lease on this facility and the best solution to the issue would be the installation of 3 heat pumps that would cover the entire space, be quiet, and regulate both heating and cooling. I would like permission to get 3 quotes for this project to be on the agenda for the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. We could use some of the funding the Town will receive from the stimulus funding for this project.

Town Dock & Marina Floats – I am happy to report that the Town Dock and Marina floats are in the water! The marina will be open for business again on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the highway crew as well as the marina crew for getting things set up again for the coming season.

Make Bucksport Beautiful Day! – A reminder that this Saturday is Make Bucksport Beautiful Day. We are encouraging residents to pitch in from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pick up litter along the roadsides near their homes or in areas where they like to walk or hike. The Town crew will pick up the bags on Monday. People can pick up trash bags and latex gloves at the town office between 8:30 and 9 on Saturday. All participants will receive a coupon for a small soft-serve ice cream at Carriers, Crosbys, or the Dairy Port. As noted earlier in the meeting – Eagle Scout Mason Forrest is also holding a bottle drive that day at the high school for a project to do improvements at the Tim Emery Municipal Pool and we encourage everyone to support Mason and his project as well!

Town Office Vacancy – We continue to get many applications for the vacancy that will be created by Roxann Clapper's retirement in July. At the time of this writing there are 103 applications. However, many have come from an online advertisement and a number of those have not followed the instructions in the ad that asked for a completed job application and a cover letter. I will be reviewing the applications next week and setting up interviews following the closing date of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Police Vacancies – We are in the process of hiring two police officers to replace two that have resigned, one to go to another department and one to go into a different line of work. Both of our hires will require academy training, but we welcome them to our public safety department.

Bucksport Paper Mill Museum – Plans continue to move forward to establish the Bucksport Paper Mill Museum at the guardhouse of the former Verso mill. Poet Laureate and Still Mill author Pat Ranzoni provided me with a towel that is being produced with images from the mill years will be sold as a fundraiser for the project.