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Monthly Report to the Town Council –December 2022 - Presented January 9, 2022

Esteemed Councilors,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season.

December is a slow month in terms of new activity. The holidays leave little time for new business. We did have one significant snowstorm and a significant flooding event at the Augusta Rd./China Rd./Bay St. intersection. Media has done several stories on how we intend to address the flooding problem. Happily we can report that the funding is in place and work on that project will be done in 2023. Increasing the system capacity and rerouting the stormwater flow should alleviate the most common flooding issues. Of course there is no guarantee that we don't experience flooding of the Kennebec or Sebasticook rivers, but those events are not the ones causing the flooding at this location. Thanks to MDOT for providing the funding to address this critical issue!

The 30-day waiting period for the Public Safety Department Trial expired on December 21. The trial officially begins on January 1, 2023. I am working on the official job description for a Public Safety Director, and Chief Macdaid has been working with Interim Chief Bolduc and Lieutenant Hubert on how information flow will work between the departments. We anticipate greater collaboration between police and fire employees. We have interviewed all of the Public Safety Directors in the State, and five of the six have indicated that although it can be a hard transition the end result is a more efficient and effective public safety response structure. We will hold the first public engagement meeting on January 10, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Library.

The Municipal Facility study is on track to begin in January. Haley Ward has submitted the first draft of a contract. We are awaiting some minor changes after legal review.

Although the holidays are a happy time, I am very saddened to announce that Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam submitted her resignation effective January 5. Lisa has been incredible to work with. Her calm demeanor and professionalism have been invaluable during my tenure. Lisa has accepted the City Clerk position at the City of Hallowell. Audra Fleury will be appointed Interim Town Clerk. Audra has had Clerk experience and was previously a Certified Clerk through the MTCCA. She will also retain her Tax Collector duties at this time. I wish Lisa Gilliam all the best in Hallowell. She will be sorely missed, both as a coworker and a friend.

January starts a New Year and I am excited for the progress that's coming. I expect to be reporting on many new accomplishments as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted by,
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