



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Town Manager Report

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Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- Town roads should be fully posted with “heavy loads limited” signs for the spring. If we missed any please let us know. Also, please respect these postings as they protect an investment we have all made in our roads.
- We will be clearing critical drainage culverts in advance of the storm later this week.
- The Town did not receive funding for the Church Rd. Sidewalk this cycle. Only current projects were funded.

Personnel:

- Keith Sylvester is quickly adapting to the maintenance position and catching up on building maintenance needs.
- We will be hiring for a seasonal full-time Beach monitor and superintendent, as well as a part-time seasonal swimming instructor. We hope to have swim lessons at the Beach this summer.

Transfer Station

- The recycling compactor was repaired a few weeks ago and is back in full service. Thank you to everyone who held their recycling while the equipment was down.
- The Transfer Station access road continues to suffer through the early spring melt. We are maintaining the road almost daily to keep it in the best shape possible but are fighting several complicating factors including the width of the road, lack of sufficient grade, and heavy snowbanks that prevent proper drainage of surface water. Most of these issues will be addressed with the work planned for this spring, but the desire to pave the road has been expressed by many residents and users of the facility. Please be patient as the melting continues. I have refrained from opening the old paved access road for fear of an accident resulting from significant stopping and turning activity at an intersection not used for more than ten years, due in large part to concerns over safety.

Announcements:

- There are two upcoming Budget meetings of particular importance this month. A joint Select Board and School Board Budget Workshop at the Maranacook High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm; and a Public Budget Meeting on March 29 at the Town Office at 6:30pm. These are excellent opportunities to comment on the school and town budgets.
- Due to winter weather, the Transfer Station and Town office may be closed for some or all of the day on Wednesday and Thursday, March 7 and 8. Please check the town website and local news sources for updates.