



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Town Manager Report

January 7, 2019

Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- Sand buckets are available for delivery to any residents needing assistance, free through the Age Friendly Committee and Handy helpers Program. Call the Town Office at 685-4939 to request a bucket!
- The last few storms have demonstrated that our new sidewalk machine is performing well, as is our maintenance staff.
- We are prepared for the storm tomorrow into Wednesday and will focus on keeping Gile Hall in good condition for the voting public.

Administration & Personnel:

- The budget process is fully underway and looking positive. The Town is in a good position to keep our share of the mil rate flat but the RSU is headed for another increase. The budget committee is very aware and supportive of further distinction and separation between the "Town" and "School" portions of the overall mil rate. They also suggested a new budget goal of anticipating and preparing for a softening of the economy in the next 18-24 months, which we are incorporating into our planning.
- The hiring process for a new Clerk is underway and we have multiple interviews scheduled.
- We have had a new server and new PCs installed. We are also upgrading our email service and investigation a new hosted phone service. Not everything is working just right but we are making progress with our IT consultant daily. Thank you all for your patience!

Transfer Station:

- The Apparel Impact clothing bin is installed at the Transfer Station.
- You can still bring your plastic film to the Transfer Station but please be aware that you can also bring it directly to several regional stores, including Hannaford and Walmart.

Announcements:

- Last Chance Rabies Clinic - Tuesday, January 15. Pre-registration and payment required.
- \$5,843,710 RSU Bond vote tomorrow, 1/8/19 from 8am to 8pm at Gile Hall.