



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Town Manager Report

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Maintenance & Infrastructure:

- Winter maintenance has been ongoing. Ice continues to be a problem. We have used the full supply of materials for the year (4,000 yards of sand and several hundred tons of salt) and have replenished with an additional 300 yards of sand and 64 tons of salt. This is the most material used in the past three years.
- Mud season looks to be long this year due to deep frost and so posting of roads will be particularly important. This will most likely happen in late March.
- Work planning for the Fire Station expansion and Library building repair projects are a very high priority with daily activity.
- I am preparing several RFPs for municipal projects this spring and summer. They include:
 - Repaving of South Road (plus RFPs for associated shoulder work and striping)
 - Fairgrounds Parking Lot Expansion
 - Torsey Pond Bridge / Dam Repair (in coordination with Torsey Pond Association)
 - Sand/Salt Shed Repair (needs preliminary engineering)
 - Cemetery Tree Pruning and Removal (multi-year service agreement)

Administration & Personnel:

- The Select Board will consider a third draft of the budget at tonight's meeting. The outlook remains positive and a flat mil rate is expected for municipal government. Thank you to everyone who came to the site visits for the Library and Fire Station. These are important municipal building projects and seeing the facilities firsthand is valuable.
- Thank you again to Robin Lint for her many years of service as our Town Clerk. We had a wonderful retirement send-off last Friday. I want to welcome Deborah Nichols as our new Clerk. She is here tonight to say hello and get caught up on Select Board activities.
- Most of our major IT issues have been resolved and we are now preparing for the introduction of a new version of our accounting software.

Transfer Station:

- One of our recycling compactor cans has had a failure and is out of commission until it can be re-welded and have some steel replaced. We have a rental in place and do not expect any disruption in service.
- We are preparing to begin home and facility based food composting initiatives to help remove food waste, and the associated cost, from our MSW. These initiatives have strong support from the SWRC.