



## **TOWN OF READFIELD – Town Manager**

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### **Town Manager Report**

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#### **Maintenance & Infrastructure:**

- Work is progressing quickly at the Fire Station and Library. Ralph Selectperson Eno will give a more detailed update. We had several trees removed on site to prevent future issues.
- We have received several proposals for drainage, culverts, shoulder, and some gravel road repair that will be discussed during the meeting. We hope to be able to move ahead with most if not all of the individual project components to work through our backlog in this area.
- We will not be issuing a paving RFP until a later date, and may not at all depending on our financial situation. Summer road striping will take place as a function of safety as will other maintenance work (pothole repair, tree trimming, etc.).
- All “Heavy Load” restrictions have been removed from Town roads and spring grading has begun.
- Our annual Roadside Cleanup is going to happen all month in May – in honor of John Parent. We still have several roads that residents can claim by visiting the Town website.
- We have initiated the permit process with Maine DEP and Army Corps for the Torsey Dam and Bridge project by submitting an application for “completeness review”. The initial meeting indicates that we will have minimal restrictions and may be able to proceed sooner than expected (summer as opposed to fall).
- Anna Carll and I had a Zoom meeting with a company we may work with for our LED streetlight conversion, assuming we get Secret Ballot approval to pursue the project. We are well positioned as a smaller project (just a few days for our 37+ lights) to fit into the summer schedule. We are looking at an ROI of about four years.
- Winter maintenance is complete until next season, I promise!

#### **Transfer Station:**

- The JCB Backhoe is working out exceptionally well at the Transfer Station. Staff have been trained and received a detailed operational memo.
- We are working the TS budget to squeeze a structure in to cover the backhoe. It will likely be on the lower level near the shingle bin.
- Replacement of the MSW compactor is scheduled for the last week of May.
- We are excited to offer HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) collection on site at the Readfield Transfer Station for our three participating towns this year. The operating cost will be just a little more than what we’ve paid in the past but we will be able to provide a much improved experience for our residents. The event is scheduled from 8-12 on Saturday, July 25, with more information forthcoming!
- We are still not accepting paint or plastic film at the Transfer Station due to third-party operational changes. Please save it for later!

#### Administration & Personnel:

- We are working on a plan to “reopen” the Town Office and Library in accordance with State law and Federal (CDC) guidance. We are implementing small changes to test the waters this month and will then move ahead in June with a significant relaxing of the work-from-home program and conditionally allowing the public back in. Of course this is subject to change.
- I am working with the Rec. Board to safely open up the Readfield Beach this summer. We usually open in June, and rarely exceed 50 patrons at a time so I am optimistic we can responsibly offer this recreational resource to the public.
- We are conducting a survey to see what the level of interest is for swim lessons and may be able to provide a modified program this summer. Anyone interested should contact the Town Office or member of the Rec. Board!
- I am pleased to welcome Logan Watts as our new Seasonal Grounds Assistant.
- We have interviews for the CEO position scheduled jointly with the Town of Wayne. I am excited about the possibility of another interlocal partnership, particularly as this is an area we have often looked at for cooperation. If all works out as planned we will be able to return to 16 hours per week, plus Planning Board meetings, within our current budget, while offering a near full-time position with competitive pay and benefits.